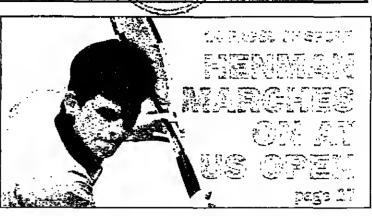


DIELERS



# Russia's fate hangs on Yeltsin's powers of persuasion

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN Moscow

PRESIDENT YELTSIN will meet his parliamentary opponents today for make-or-break talks that will determine whether Russia emerges from its political paralysis.

After intense haggling, Mr Yeltsin is expected to offer opposition leaders a power-sharing agreement to boost the authority of the Duma, the Communist-led lower

house of parliament. In return he will expect support for Viktor Chernomyrdin, the acting Prime Minister whose nomination will be put to the Duma again this afternoon after being overwhelmingly rejected last week.

Mr Chernomyrdin has announced a recovery plan that would involve the printing of roubles to pay off back debts and the imposition of an "economic dictatorship" in the new year to bulster the national currency. whose value has fallen by two thirds in a month. But without parliamentary confirmation, he cannot form a government to implement his plan.

To enrice deputies to support his candidate Mr Yeltsin will offer the Duma new powers, including the right to vet most cahinet appointments, a move that could bring both communists and nationalists into the Government. However, no

one is willing to predict the cutcome of the struggle — especial-ly as a similar deal collapsed at the last moment last week.

Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader, has again insisted that his faction - the largest in parliament - will oppose Mr Chernomyrdin and he has put forward a number of other names, including Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow and Yegor Stroyev, Speaker of the upper house of parlia-

ment. In spite of that, the ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky. whose party will back Mr Chemomyrdin, predicted that the nomination would eventually pass.

But Grigori Yavlinsky, the head of the liberal Yabloko movement opposed to both Mr Chernomyrdin and Mr Yeltsin, said that the game was not over yet. "In Russia only an idio would make predictions," he said, adding that the country's situation could only improve once

Mr Yelisin was forced from power. "As a rule it is quite rare that he says something sensible."

The political fight in Moscow has exasperated Russians, who fear that the lack of leadership is plunging the country ever deeper into trouble. And the presidential hopeful Aleksandr Lebed gave a warning yesterday that if the crisis were not resolved within a week. the people would go out on the streets and "sweep away the pow

Pairiarch Aleksi II, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, also spoke for many when he urged politicians to stop their self-destructive power games. "The main thing is to keep public peace and accord." he said at a service in Moscow, "If we loose them, the consequences may be irreversible."

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# Man United will get formal offer this week

BY RAYMOND SNODDY AND JILL SHERMAN

A FORMAL £575 million takeover offer for Manchester United by BSkyB is likely to be made before the end of this week. Negotiations were continuing last night, with two Manchester United directors believed to be arguing that the suggested price

is too low for a unique asset. a number of politicians were quick to express concern over the proposed takeover, both sides are confident that the deal would achieve regulatory approval.

Tony Banks, the Sports Minister. saio that an investigation by the Office of Fair Trading was possible because of the "very, very profound" consequences. "There are clear implications here that make me feel that this is not something that can just be treated as if it were just a normal takeover of one publicly quoted com-pany by another," Mr Banks said on BBC Radio 5 Live.

Some Labour MPs were also angry about the idea of further power being handed to Rupert Murdoch, and served warning that they would campaign hard against the deal.

Manchester United made profits of £27.6 million in the past year. The exclusive rights to show FA Carling Premiership games are at the heart of BSkyB's business. The existing deal runs out in 2001 and with 200-channel digital television systems coming on stream the FA Premier League clubs could launch their own football channels, including electronic pay-perview season tickets.

Ownership of Manchester United would guarantee BSkyB some of the most attractive games and deals could also be done with other clubs. However, some Manchester United directors believe that now is the wrong time to sell because in two or three years time the club could be even more valuable when digital is more fully established and the agreement with BSkyB runs out.

Downing Street reacted cautiously to news of the negotiations, saying there were serious competition implications. "We would look very carefully at the competition issues that might arise and the normal procedures will be followed."

The Department of Trade and Industry said that the details of the case would be closely examined by ministers and officials but refused to comment any further. However, government sources suggested that a referral was possible because of claims that the deal could be "anticompetitive".

Joe Ashton, Labour chairman of the all-party parliamentary group on association football, said: "If Parliament had been sitting there would have been more than 100 MPs complaining very strongly about unfair competition.

It is also likely that Karel van Miert, the European Competition commissioner who has in the past expressed concern about the impact of exclusive sports rights deals, will want to look at the acquisition of a leading football team by a leading pay-television

Relationships between media groups and leading sports clubs have
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Emily Watson yesterday at the premiere of Hilary and Jackie at the Venice Film Festival

#### Swissair jet's **'black** box' found

lovestigators have located the flight data and voice recorders of Swiss Air Flight 111 which went down off the coast of Nova Scotia last week.

The box containing the two recorders emitted a 'ping' sound that was picked up by the navy submarine HMCS Okanagan in 190ft of water about five miles off the village of Peggy's Cove.

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# Blairite group seeks vote on | Patten has eyes on Do we want King Charles?

BY OUR CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

should be abolished.

The Speaker of the House of

Commons would take over

DOWNING Street sought to distance itself last night from proposals for a radical shakeup of the monarchy drawn up by an influential new Labour

The report from Demos, founded by Geoff Mulgan, a member of the No 10 Policy Unit, calls for the Queen to be stripped of her political powers and for the public to be allowed to vote on whether the Prince of Wales should inherit the Throne.

The document coincides with a MORI poll for Demos and The Independent on Sunday which showed that 60 per cent of people thought the monarchy should be modernised and that 49 per cent believed the Queen should give up her right to dissolve Parliament.

It also came as the Treasury confirmed that it will open negotiations next year with Buckingham Palace for a review of royal finances. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, believes the present 7.5 per cent annual increase is too generous and wants to bring it

formal dissolution of Parliadown to the Government's ment. Royal Assent for Parliainflation target of 2.5 per cent. mentary legislation would The Demos report, Modalso be replaced by a certifiernising the Monarchy, does cate signed by the Speaker. not propose the abolition of

In addition, the paper pro the monarchy, but recomposes that the Church should mends that on the death of the Sovereign there should be a referendum on whether the be separated from the monarch, that the Royal Family should use state schools and heir should succeed to the NHS hospitals. Throne. If the answer were no. However, Downing Street said it did not agree with the there should be a second vote on whether the monarchy proposals and was happy with

the Government and doesn't responsibility for appointing reflect Government views," a the Prime Minister and the spokesman said. Mark Leonard, the report's co-author, said that the paper was written to influence the Royal Family rather than the

> hoped both would study it seriously. Buckingham Palace called the report "another contribution to the general constitutional debate", but said it was a matter for Parliament rather than the Royal Family.

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the present monarchy. The

report has nothing to do with

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# Westminster again

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

yesterday that he would be open to offers to make a comeback as an MP next year.

The former Governor of Hong Kong made clear that he would be busy reforming the Royal Ulster Constabulary for the next nine months, but that he did not rule out a return to Parliament if a byelection arose later next year. Asked on BBC I's Breakfast

with Frost programme what he would do if a constituency whose MP was about to stand down offered him a seat with a 20,000 majority, Mr Patten said: "I'd say it is extremely kind of you to have called. please call back next July ... or a bit later."

The pro-European former. Fory chairman has been tipped as Mayor of London and as a European commissioner, but in a newspaper interview this weekend he said: "I'm certainly not too grand to be a constituency MP." And he admitted that he had missed the political argument at Westminster since

losing his seat in 1992. He insisted that he had not

CHRIS PATTEN declared made up his mind what he would do next, but would consider another job in public service "because those are the most interesting jobs around\* - although he conceded this was more difficult with his

party was in opposition. He praised Willian Hague for his performances in the Commons and said that he was right to make party reforms as his priority. But he gave a warning that continual party disunity over Europe would play into Tony Blair's

He suggested that Mr Hague should follow Harold Wilson's example on the Common Market in the 1970s by allowing party members to campaign as they wished in a public referendum on a single currency, provided they backed party policy at the general election.

Mr Patten's comments on Europe coincided with reports that Mr Hague is planning a snap referendum of party members on the single currency if pro-European MPs try to cause trouble at the Tory conference next month.

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By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT. IN VENICE

Actress

suffers

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du Pré

THE actress who plays Jacqueline du Pré in a new film about the cellist practised so hard to perfect her technique on the instrument that her fingers bled.

But despite playing 15 different tunes in close-up on cam-era, Emily Watson never learnt to read music and instead developed her own code, spending nine hours a day in the rehearsal room.

Hilary and Jackie, which focuses on the relationship of du Pré and her sister, received its premiere yesterday at the Venice Film Festival. The makers are now wait-

ing to see if the cellist's husband, the planist and conwill use privacy laws to block the film in France. Barenboim, whom Miss du

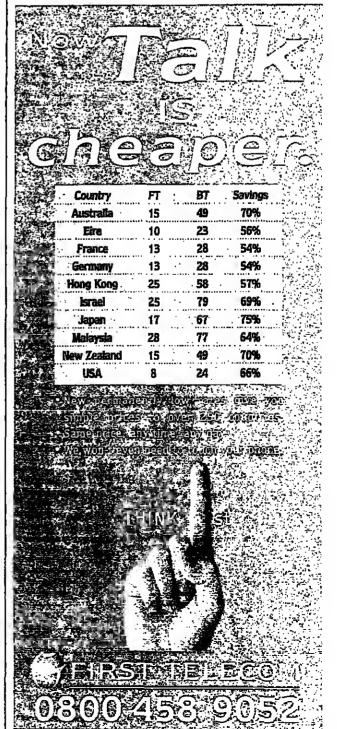
Pré married in 1967, has refused to comment on the book or the film. But he told The Times: "Couldn't they have waited until I was dead? Du Prè died in 1987 at the age of 42 from multiple sclero-

sis. Ms Watson, who took up the cello briefly as a 14-year-old, watched film of du Pré's performances. "She was so in tune with the music, she played with her whole body,"

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# Unions will ask Blair to set up jobs task force

today put further pressure on the Prime Minister to help industry and protect jobs amid growing uncertainty in the economy.

At a meeting at Downing Street, John Monks, TUC General Secretary, and other union leaders will ask Tony Blair to set up a tri-partite task force to avert further job losses. They will also ask for money set aside for capital spending to be pumped into road building and other ser-

vices for industry.
Union leaders want acron too on interest rates and are concerned that the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee, which sets rates, focuses too narrowly on infladon. They want its remit to include growth and employ-ment. Their call comes after Fujitsu last week closed its microchip factory in Mr Blair's Sedgefield constituency and after a series of job losses and manufacturing plant

David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, also admitted vesterday that the growing world eco-nomic crisis could cause problems for the Government's flagship Welfare to Work programme. He insisted that the recent threats of lactory closures had not resulted from Labour's economic policy, but because of the slump in world markets.

"Welfare to Work has a bigger challenge as the economy tightens." Mr Blunkett told Radio 4's The World This

John Monks and Tony Blair: the TUC chief will ask

the Prime Minister for more spending on industry

and Christine Buckley on the plans to

Jill Sherman

hold Downing

Street talks

Weekend. The project would be "more difficult" in the present climate, he indicated. Roger Lyons, general secreary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance union, will urge Mr Blair to set up a body made up of unions, employers and Government ministers to be launched following a series of job curs. The task force would cover inward investment, regional development, lifelong learning and skills training to provide a co-ordinated approach to manufacturing, ac-

cording to Mr Lyons. "The rapidly developing world economic crisis is wreaking havoc on our manufacturing industry." Mr Lyons said yesterday. "It is vital that our manufacturing base is preserved in an increasingly competitive global environment. We must do whatever we can domestically and on the world and European stage to tackle the problems being faced by manufacturers."

TUC's annual congress in Blackpool next week with warnings over the economy and public sector pay. It will Although Downing Street urge improved pay levels for public-sector workers in order to take them out of a "secondclass" statuş. Mr Blair is to attend the TUC's annual dinner at the

congress, adding to the large numbers of government ministers attending the gathering. The Prime Minister is expected to receive a warmer reception than he got last year when his tough-talking speech angered many delegates who had hoped for more from a Labour government. Mr Monks said the messages at last year's conference were

Monks stressed that early

high pound and soaring inter-est rates for the difficulties in

where the government needs

to concentrate." That meant

joining the European single

currency "earlier rather than later". John Redwood, Shadow

Trade and Industry Secretary.

claimed the Government's

economic policies were going

to demolish British manufac

turing. "In one short year,

Labour have changed the UK from the first choice for invest-

ment from most global com-panies into their first choice

for factory closures," he said.

hope of a shift in Government

policy. "Clearly the Prime Minister is going to be very interested in what they have to

say," said a spokesman. " We

hear what they say about

interest rates and the value of

the pound, but the Govern-

ment remains completely

committed to its economic

policy of building stability for

the long term. It would be

completely the wrong thing to

do to embark on any short

The Government will face further calls for action at the

term fixes now."

Downing Street offered little



David McLetchie with Tory party workers in Edinburgh

By Shirley English SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE right-wing Edinburgh lawyer elected leader of the Scottish Tories yesterday pledged to make his party an "anchor for the union" in the Scottish parliament.

David McLetchie, 46, had been expected to win easily over his rival Phil Gallie, 59, the doughty and populist former MP for Ayr. But the result was much closer than predicted, with Mr McLetchie taking 91

votes against Mr Gallie's 83. It is the first time that the Scottisb party has chosen its leader under structural reforms introduced earlier this year. Mr McLetchie will be **New Scots Tory leader** vows to defend union

interim group leader until after next May's Scottish elections. He will then face a further leadership ballot of members of the Scottish parliament.

William Hague, the Tory leader, said yesterday that be was "delighted that a man of David McLetchie's calibre" had been chosen. Sir Malcolm Rifkind, Scottish party president and former Foreign Secretary. who could not be persuaded to stand the leadership, said Mr

thoughtful" man.

Yesterday the party's rank and file denied that the closeness of the vote was evidence of a split. Both men are on the right. Sources said that it came down to a matter of style. Mr Gallie is admired for his street-fighting quali-ties and populist views, which he readily airs to the media on a variety

Mr McLetchie is a virtual un-

known to the electorate, having stood known to the electorate, having stood in an election only once, against Robin Cook in Edinburgh Central in 1979. He is viewed as a creative thinker and is involved with Sir Malcolm's policy commission. He said that over the next eight months the Tories would be campaigning on three major themes defence of the union low taxes and rural reserters. union, low taxes and rural regenera-

He wanted to convince the elector ate that the Tories were the party committed to making the parliament work in the cootext of the union "When the economy is dipping into recession and jobs are being lost on a daily basis, the last think Scotland; needs is constitutional turmoil."

# IRA weapons remain key to peace

DAVID TRIMBLE will talk directly to Gerry Adams for

be surmounted. A riot by hundreds of loyalists in Portadown further dampened the general sense of optimism. One policeman, the father of a 10-week-old baby, suffered horrific head injuries from a blast bomb. Another "unfriendly and negative". policeman was in hospital

Trimble is ready to meet Adams but will only shake

his hand after disarmament, writes Martin Fletcher

the first time today, and the first terrorist prisoners may be released from the Maze, but for all the euphoria of President Clinton's visit it was clear last night that the key issue of IRA disarmament has yet to

with leg injuries, and a Catholic-owned bed shop was destroyed by petrol bombs. Omagh experienced fresh

terror when police received a hoax bomb warning, forcing them to evacuate the three main churches during their morning service. On Saturday, the bomb claimed its 29th victim when Sean McGrath, 61, died in in hospital.

Mr Trimble, Northern Ire-land's First Minister, said he believed IRA disarmament would now happen, but Mr Adams flatly rejected Mr Trimble's insistence that it must actually begin before Sinn Fein can join Northern Ireland's executive this winter.

We are doing our best,"

will use our influence positively. But to say, as some have, there can be no executive, no institutions, no structures unless we deliver decommissioning - that's not in the agreement. Nor is it something which Sinn Fein can

deliver."
Mr Trimble also said he would refuse to shake Mr Adams's hand because people traditionally snook hands to show they were unarmed.
"Mr Adams can't do that because he's got three tonnes of semtex, five or six hundred AK47s and heaven knows what else in his hand so it's not a friendly hand.

Mr Trimble will include Mr Adams in a briefing for all party leaders at Stormont

bly. He also won the backing of his Ulster Unionist Party's executive on Saturday for an historic first face-to-face meeting with Mr Adams tomorrow or Wednesday — a prospect he once described as "repulsive". Cameras will be barred.

He told the BBC he wel-comed Sinn Fein's appoint-ment of Martin McGuinness last week to liaise with the international body on paramilitary disarmament, saying that would either put the IRA on "a conveyor belt which will lead to decommissioning" or quickly expose its refusal to disarm.

But he also said that he still did not regard Mr Adams as a man he could do business with, and would not do so ment proved its commitment to peaceful means through decommissioning. He had pushed his own party so far. that if he entered government with Sinn Fein without prior decommissioning he would fall off the edge", he told The

Observer:
Mr Adams welcomed Mr
Trimble's decision to open a
dialogue, but Insisted the
agreement imposed no preconditions on any party with a popular mandate from joining the executive. To make decommissioning a precondition was a "clear breach of the spirit-

and letter of the agreement". Sinn Fein won a record 17.6 per cent of the vote in last June's assembly elections, entitling it to two seats. The agreement sets no date for disarmament to start, but requires its completion by May, 2000. However, the IRA rejected disarmament in a

#### MOTHERS WHO WAIT

FOR years after Mary McClory's 18-year-old son John disappeared in 1978 she would approach tall men with long black hair and moustaches who looked like him, and have to apologise when they turned out to be someone:

Though newly wide children, she kept John's room ready and once and year she washed and pressed his clothes until finally she gave them to charity. She now accepts that he is dead. "Allwant is to get his body back for a Christian funeral," she said. "R would really content me

to know I had his hody."

Margaret McKinney's 22-year-old son Brian a friend of John's, disappeared at the same time. She too kept his room ready, hoping against hope, until ber husband and other son eventually packed up his belongings and took them away. I knew from the begin that he was dead." All's

McKinney now says Brian and John west both intercepted and all ducted as they walked their labourers jobs. Nothing more was heart. of them for 19 years

It's a said Mr Adams, who denies he speaks for the IRA. "We today on the province's assemuntil the republican move-Families' plea for return great By Martin Fletcher, Chief Ireland Correspondent AS the Government prepares ence. "It's not a political issue. sign... to release the first IRA prison-It's a human rights issue. It's

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# of terror victims' bodies

ers from the Maze this week the mothers, wives and sisters of four men allegedly executed by the IRA during the Troubles will today make an un-precedented public appeal for the return of their bodies.

At a joint press conference in Belfast's city hall, the women will implore the tRA or anyone else who knows where the so-called "disappeared" are buried to end their torment by calling a confidential telephone line. 'We don't want any punish-

ments, any revenge, any prisoners. We are not looking for anything except the where-abouts of our loved ones. We just want to give them a Christian burial and have a grave to go to," said Margaret McKinney, a West Belfast woman whose 22-year-old son, Brian, was abducted 20 years ago last May. "If the prisoners are coming out I think the bodies of our loves

ones should be released too." These families have been through hell," said Sandra Peake. co-ordinator of the victims support group Wave which is helping the women organise their press confer-

about giving these families the right to have a Christian burial for their loved ones and putting them to rest. There's been no peace for these families and won't be till these bodies are returned. It should have been measure for measure. If the prisoners are getting out, it-should have been at the same time that the bodies were released."

Last week the IRA issued a statement acknowledging the families' "incalculable anguish" and claiming to have set up a unit last autumn to locate the graves, though it denied responsibility for some of the dozen names customarily listed as "disappeared".

A senior republican source has told The Times to expect announcements on seven of the "disappeared", but the women fear the tRA's statement was a publicity stunt before President Clinton's visit. "It's so distressing," Mrs McKinney said. "What's keep-ing them? With all this talk of releasing bodies, why don't they just say where they are if they know, and if they don't stop keeping us on tenterhooks?"

Mrs McKinney will be joined this morning by two of her daughters and close relatives of three other men who vanished during the Troubles -John McClory, Charles Armstrong and Gerald Evans.

Mr Evans was 24 and unemployed when he vanished on the night of March 27. 1979. He was last seen hitch-hiking from a dance in Castlebtayney to his home in Crossmaglen in republican South Armagh. His mother, Mary, never heard anything more of him. "I never gave up hope, but after 19 years it's very hard," she said. Mr Armstrong, who was 56

and a former government employee, vanished as he drove to Mass in Crossmaglen one August morning in 1981. His car was found ten miles away in Dundalk, Co Louth, the next evening. The IRA denied responsibility and to this day his wife. Kathleen. has not the slightest idea what happened to him. "I was always hoping he went away of his own accord and would come home, but no-one ever saw him about," she said. The couple had five children, the youngest 15 when their father disappeared.

# Man Utd negotiations continue

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been established in other countries. In America, Mr Murdoch — chairman of The News Corporation, parent company of The Times and 40 per cent stake-holder in BSkyB — owns the LA Dodgers baseball team through his Fox TV Network: in Italy Silvio Berlusconi, the broadcaster, owns AC Milan: and in France Canal +, the pay-TV broadcaster. owns Paris St Germain.

Talks have been going on between Mark Booth, chief executive of BSkyB, and Martin Edwards, chief executive of Manchester United, for five months, was not told until the beginning of last month. The proposal, which has not yet got the status of a formal bid, is that BSkyB — whose other main shareholders are the Chargeurs transport and communications group of France, and Grana-da — would pay about 225p a share compared with Friday's closing price of 159p. The aim is to have a formal offer to

middle of this week. Although Marathon Asset Management has a 5.6 per cent stake in the club and Ahu Dhahi Investment Authority

put to the boards of both companies by the

has 3.8 per cent, the rest of the shares widely spread among more than 2130 investors, many of them fans.

Andy Walsh, of the Manchester United

Independent Supporters Association, sti it was by no means certain that BSLYB-would be able to gain control of the club-Supporters will demand that anybody who has a controlling stake must pur the interests of the club and football paramount."

Last night David Chidgey, the Line Democrat trade and industry spokesow called on the Government to order an investigation of any deal.

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# Earl suspended by Tory party after drug deal claims

Film and scooter-loving peer alleged to have arranged cocaine

sale during House of Lords debate, reports Daniel McGrory

TORY peers are threatening to expel the Earl of Hardwicke from their party after allegations that he dealt drugs inside the Houses of Parliament.

He is alleged to have arranged the sale of cocaine costing £320 in the Lords when peers were recalled last week to debate anti-terrorism legislation after the Omagh bomb.

Party leaders moved swiftly yesterday to deal with the accusation. saying that Lord Hardwicke would be the first to be dealt with by the party's new Ethics and Integrity Committee, created by William Hague to rid the Tories of sleaze. The committee, which has the power to throw Lord Hardwicke out of the party, will meet later this week and he will be asked to go before the committee.

Viscount Cranborne, Tory Leader of the Lords, spoke to Lord Harwdicke yesterday and decided he should have the whip suspended immediately. One senior party source said: "Viscount Cranborne gave him a chance to defend himself and clear his name. You can take it that he hasn't justified his position at all and such behaviour will not be

"He can expect no sympathy from anyone in this party if these allegations are proven and he will be expelled, the ultimate sanction."

Lord Hardwicke was the youngest hereditary peer when he took his seat five years ago at 22, but has



Coat of arms of the Earl of

Lords business. He is alleged to have used the Palace of Westminster as a venue to broker drug deals and was quoted as telling an undercover reporter that he and his business partner were "the best dealers in the world".

Leading Conservaoves recognise that the damaging publicity surrounding Lord Hardwicke does little for their arguments to retain hereditary peers. "The public will get the view that hereditary peers are just wasters and this is how they behave so why oot get rid of the lot of them," the source said. "He has damaged his party."

A Conservative Party spokesman said last night: "The party has a robust anti-drugs policy and we condemn drug-dealing in all forms. We are immediately investigating this matter and swift action will be

Joseph Phillip Sebastian Yorke was two years old when his father, Viscount Royston, died and a year later he inherited the peerage from his grandfather, becoming the 10th earl. He confesses to having no interest in politics and only agreed to take his seat in the Lords at the request of his cousin, Lord Hesketh,

a former Tory Chief Whip.
After allegedly discussing a drug deal with an undercover reporter as fellow peers walked into the Chamber to join the anti-terrorist debate, Lord Hardwicke said that he could not be bothered to vote on the Bill.

Described as "arrogant and aloof", he has made only one speech in the Lords. It was about the British film industry and he said that he "hated" the experience because he found public speaking "boring".

Lord Hardwicke is known as 'Lord Scooty" because of his passion for motor scooters. With a friend, Stefan Thwaites, he runs a business in South London selling the machines. Both men were alleged to be involved in drug dealing. His only role within the Tory

ranks is to sit on two all-party committees - on film and on motor scooters - though he rarely bothers to attend meetings. He does, though, appear at the Lords twice a



The 10th earl on the town with a friend. He lives in a modest home and runs a motor-scooter shop

week - so that he can collect £140 attendance fees, he said.

His family once owned extensive lands in Cambridgeshire but the 5th earl gambled away the family fortune. Lord Hardwicke lives in a modest flat in West London. He was Police said that they had not received a formal complaint so they had not started an investigation. The News of the World yesterday alleged that Lord Hardwicke had sold six grams of cocaine and had boasted of using the drug himself. The 10th earl was brought up on

French lorry drivers threaten

Musoque, the Caribbean island beloved of Princess Margaret, after his mother scandalised London society by running off there in 1975 to live with a bar owner. He was sent to Marlborough and worked in the record industry and briefly as a

# Riviera resort plan for **Forth** coastline

By Lewis Smith

MORE than 4,000 jobs could be created if a venture to turn a Scottish industrial wasteland into a Mediterranean-

style coastal resort goes ahead. Dilapidated warehouses and disused factories along the shores of the Firth of Forth would be torn down and replaced with waterfront shops, houses, hotels and lei-

sure facilities. A network of boardwalks would link settlements along the shore and contractors would create beaches with millions of tons of sand pumped from the sea bed.

Elizabeth Maginnis. Granton councillor and one of the leading forces behind the scheme, said the inspiration came from seeing the spectacular redevelopment of Barcelona's seafront.

When I was out in Barcelona 12 years ago, one of the features of the trip was was a tour around Barcelona harbour and it was just as bad as Leith docks," she said.

"Barcelona then got a European grant to upgrade its harbour and since then it has gone from strength to strength. This appealed very strongly to me and I had a vision for Edinburgh's waterfront, to create a new quarter and give it a distinct character. like Barcelona,

"We want a place where people can visit and enjoy themselves. The coastline is virtually derelict at the moment but within the next 15 to 20 years, the regeneration will have helped to give our shores their own distinctive appeal. This will provide a fantastic opportunity to tranform north Edinburgh into a thriving. cosmopolitan community."

Plans have been drawn up by a development partnership Edinburgh City Council. Lothian and Edinburgh Enterprise, Scottish Homes, Forth Ports and private sector bodies.

Backers of the scheme say redeveloping the coastline from Cramond to Portobello would bring more than 4,000 jobs to the capital, providing a major economic boost for the city. Details of the proposed regeneration are due to be unveiled by Donald Dewar. the Scottish Secretary, later this month.

It is believed tens of millions of pounds have been earmarked for the scheme while E35 million has already been

spend buying up land. Malcolm Chisholm. MP for Leith, said the most important aspect of the plan was the number of jobs it would create. He said: "People recognise that this scheme is a great asset and the input of the local community has been at the forefront in drawing up plans for the developments.

This is a very exciting project which will provide a tremendous boost for the Ed-

# Murdered girl's stepfather killed

THE family of a seven-yearold girl who was found strangled in woods near her home in 1993 faced further turmoil after her uncle was, charged with the murder of her

Barry Queripel, 33, died at Royal Berkshire hospital in Reading after suffering severe chest wounds. His younger brother Andrew, 32, has been charged with his murder and is due to appear before magistrates in Bracknell today.

It is the second killing within the family in just five vears. In 1993 Barry Queripel's stepdaughter, Stacey, was found strangled in bushes in South Hill Park, Bracknell. Police initially thought she had choked on the necklace she was wearing, but later opened a murder inquiry. Her mother, Gilliane

Queripel, was arrested twice during the inquiry, and at one time held in police custody for several days. She was later released without charge. The file on Stacey's murder has

is contin.



Stacey Queripel: murder inquiry is still open

coroner who conducted the inquest into her death recorded a verdict of unlawful

Yesterday a Thames Valley Police spokesman said that Barry Queripel had been drinking and playing pool at a social club in Bracknell on Friday night. Officers were called early on Saturday morning after reports of a fight during which Mr Queripel was stabbed in the chest. He was taken to hospital but pronounced dead on

## Man was tortured then shot

A MAN who was shot dead in his living room by masked gunmen in front of his partner and her 15-yearold son was first tortured with a knife, it was disclosed yesterday.

Lee Harris, 30, who is believed to have been targeted by the gang of three men over a relationship with a woman, was repeatedly slashed before being shot six times at point-blank

The killing at his home oo the Longmead Estate in Epsom, Surrey, on Friday night followed a warning to a cousin of the victim only hours earlier that he would

The 18-year-old cousin, who would not disclose her name, said: "This guy came up to me and told me that Lee was going to die. He had a lot of enemies, so l didn't take it too seriously. A police spokesman said: "We are still searching for a

# more chaos on Europe's roads FROM BEN MACENTYRE IN PARIS AND LEWIS SMITH delays as they are pulled aside

DRIVERS have been warned of another "winter of discontent" on continental roads as French lorry drivers link up for the first time with their German, Spanish and Italian counterparts to blockade motorways, bridges and ports

The 24-hour drivers' strike. now an annual ordeal, is due to start at midnight tonight. It is being co-ordinated across Europe, but is most likely to affect traffic in France, with road blocks expected at Channel ports and French frontiers with Germany, Spain and Italy.

The Road Haulage Association has warned its members to anticipate lengthy delays in France, particularly at ports such as Calais where demonstrators are expected to erect "filter blockades", slowing traffic to a crawl.

Cars should be allowed through but are almost certain to be caught in long queues of traffic leading up to the filter.

by their French counterparts anxious to explain their cause. The length of each stoppage will vary at each filter.

The Department of Transport said yesterday it had been talking to French officials to express concerns about the action. A spokesman warned there were likely to be Governmental representations to the French authorities if British drivers suffer financial losses through the dispute.

Kent police were gearing up yesterday to cope with the expected queues of lorries trailing out of Dover. Operation Stack, which has been used in previous disputes, is designed to ensure thousands of lorries waiting for ferries to France are parked in an organised queue along the

Inspector Caroline Riddle of Kent police said it was impossible to predict how badly the dispute would hit British drivers and hobday-makers. "In-

delays on this side of the Channel," she said. Richard Bird, of the RAC.

said drivers travelling to France should listen to media announcements before setting off. P&O Stena, the ferry company, is watching to see how the dispute develops before issuing advice to customers or rerouting services. A spokeswoman said it may be best to avoid areas likely to be affected by strikers. The French drivers com-

plain that employers have not honoured many concessions won after strikes in 1996 and 1997 almost paralysed the French road system. The truckers are demanding a limit of a 48-hour work week. tighter regulation of working hours and a European directive "taking account of demands in the road haulage

British haulage groups have written to the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, and the European Transport Coming new legislation that would require national governments to keep major routes open in the event of strikes.

"We have heard promises since 1996," Daniel Hodges, spokesman for the Road Haulage Association said. This strike is a flexing of muscles by the French lorry drivers, but if the demands are not met, then action on a concerted scale is British lorry drivers suffered huge losses from the

repeated strikes in France, and the promised compensation of at least £1 million, in many cases dating back to November 1996, has still not been paid. The French authorities did not break the barricades in the earlier disputes, and British haulage groups argue that if national governments fail to keep key transport arteries open they should be fined and the proceeds used to compensate hauliers.

The strike is supported by

#### motive to this attack." all the major French unions. inburgh economy." evitably, there are going to be missioner, Neil Kinnock, urg-Lorry drivers face even longer never been closed and the arrival. Shetland women rowers beat the Royal Navy's finest men

WHEN the rugged women of the Shetland Islands challenged the men of the Royal Navy to a rowing race, history suggested that the ladies' team would be favourites.

Many islanders have never forgotten the glorious day in 1905 when a crew of women from the island of Trondra beat a navy whaler during a race in the port of Scalloway, the ancient capital of Sbetland.

A chance for the Royal Navy to recover its honour came yesterday when the crew of the fishery protection vessel HMS Shetland

picked up the gauntlet thrown down by teams of Shetlanders in

Blessed with today's superior training equipment, work-out techniques and knowledge of outrition, the sailors were quietly confident, this time, that they could leave the Scottish women trailing. The sturdiest men aboard HMS Shetland were chosen and repaired to the rowing machine in the ship's gymnasium for a vigorous bout of exercise to prepare for the race.

The challenge involved racing a measured mile in a traditional skiff or youl, borrowed from the Lerwick Boating Club. The light rowing boat is clinker-built made with external planks overlapping downwards and fastened with elenched copper nails. As a warmup, the sailors were allowed to race against five crews of Shetland men. They finished last. Excite-

ment grew as they prepared to do battle with the weaker sex. The Navy might have been less assured had they taken note of the chauvinist observations of the oil workers who are consigned to the wild islands for months on end. "In the Shetlands," the oilmen's saying goes, "the men are men, and so are the women."

Dominic Kennedy reports on the result of a naval challenge to avenge a famous defeat in a 1905 race

Cheered on by their victorious menfolk, the ladies of Burra Isle crossed the finishing line in 9

minutes 42 seconds. Three more women's teams, from Whitedale. Bigton and Lerwick, also beat the

The shamefaced Navy took more than a minute longer than Burra Isle to complete the mile, buffing across the line, last again. Sylvia Jameson, a petite member of the Burra Isle crew, said in the boating club bar afterwards: "It was easy. No problem. But they've taken it very well."

First Lieutenant Vince Noyce, one of the losers, said: "No excuses. It's a bloody hard sport, a lot harder than we expected. Somehow I don't think we'll be taking it up. The boating club have been very kind. They gave us a bottle of whisky as a consolation prize. We've all got terrible blisters but it was good fun, the highlight of our

He stopped sbort of admitting that the women were stronger.

visit to Shetland."

"Watching these ladies now, I can see it's all technique." Mr Noyce said. "We just didn't have it." None of the sailors, however, dared ask the women for an arm-wrestling

So where were the ladies of Trondra, whose great-great-grandmothers had whipped the Navy when Hitler was a boy? They were still maintaining their fearsome traditions: they had gone down to London for the Thames rowing race at the weekend, winning their section and coming seventh

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# Hawking condemns animal rights activists

STEPHEN HAWKING, the Nobel prize-winning scientist, has condemned activists who try to block experiments on animals. "Computers can do amazing things, but even the most powerful computers can't replace animal experi-ments in medical research." he said vesterday.

In a message to the British Association for the Advancement of Science, meeting this week at Cardiff University. Professor Hawking said: "I. think the fuss over the use of animals in medical research is ridiculous. Why is it worse to use animal experiments to save lives than to eat them, which the majority of the population are happy to? "I suspect that extremists

turn to animal rights from a lack of the more worthwhile causes of the past like nuclear disarmament."

The author of A Brief History of Time is a patron of Seriously III for Medical Research, a patients' charity set up to challenge the views of campaigners who claim medical testing on animals is unnecessary. Other patrons include Jane Asher, the actress. John Diamond, the Times columinst, Faith Brown, the comedianne, and Jonathan Miller, the director and scientist.

Professor Hawking, the Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge Univer-sity, contributed to the debate on the value of animal

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Scientist says computers will never

be powerful enough to replace live

experiments, reports Nick Nuttall

the retirement of Professor Colin Blakemore of Oxford University as president of the association. His arrival at the festival was delayed yesterday farm at Hill Grove, near Witney. Oxfordshire, where animals are bred for experi-ments including ones carried out at Professor Blakemore's laboratory. The farm is near his home.

Professor Blakemore, who carries out pioneering research into the human nervous system and the brain, said the police had delayed him for an hour and were still there in the early evening.

He said: This is because of splinter groups coming down and attacking my home. It has been 11 years now since I have been living with threats, letter bombs both real and fake, property damage, five cars badly damaged, threats against my kids, death threats against my wife and my secretary, having my hands cut by razor blades in envelopes. It is unbelievable pressure.

He said that his laboratory used about six kittens a year from the farm in experiments aimed at unravelling diseases in humans including deafness and blindness. This was, like



Hawking: fuss over use of animals is ridiculous"

laboratories across Britain, the lowest level yet. "They are used for studies of the cerebral cortex and a new technique for imaging the cerebral cortex. This is very closely linked with new brain imaging techniques in human beings," said Professor Blakemore.

He rejected claims that the experiments involved cruelty. All the work is done on anaethatised animals. It is given a single injection and never wakes up.

Professor Blakemore said that rights groups wanted alternatives to animal experi-

ments, and that they were developing these too. "I and many other people have put huge efforts into this in the last ten years, particularly tissue culture methods. I have not be unresponsive to campaigning, it makes us all aware that we need to reduce and refine techniques. But the public has to realise there are areas

where there are no substi-tutes," he said. Mike Baker, chief executive of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, claimed that alternatives to animal experiements existed but that these were "underfunded, underused and their implementation is blocked at

every turn".

Andrew Blake, director and founder of Seriously III for Medical Research, last night condemned the violence and intimidation of Professor Blakemore and other scientists involved in animal experiments.

Mr Blake, who suffers from Friedreich's ataxia, a wasting disease, founded the group because he feared the activities of animal rights groups were threatening the future of medi-cal research. It supports humane animal research into disabling diseases, incurable and progressive diseases. Two years ago, the charity called on animal rights campaigners to pledge never to undergo medical treatments that were developed with the help of animal research, such as blood transfusions and anti-

# Drinkers locked in over cat farm row

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BY A CORRESPONDENT

DRINKERS enjoying a Sunday afternoon pint were locked into their local yesterday after an angry confrontation with animal rights activists. Trouble flared when the

regulars responded to loud chanting from pro-testers about Hill Grove Farm in Witney, Oxfordshire, where cats are bred for scientific experiments.

Mounted police broke
up the two groups and the landlord locked his drink-

ers inside the Windrush. More than 600 people had travelled from all over the country to take part in the protest at the work done at Hill Grove Farm. The stand-off at the pub -200 yards from the road block - is the latest incident between activists and. locals annoved at having their daily lives disrupted

A spokesman for Thames Valley Police said: "We have arrested a total of nine men - two for obstruction, one for assault on police, one for affray, one for public order offences and four others for offences which were alleged to have hap pened at a previous demonstration at the cat farm last April. A woman has also been arrested for allegedly causing criminal-damage today."

New Lads hide fears behind their beers

PAUL GASCOIGNE, Liam Gallagher and other New Lads of the 1990s may be far wimpier than their rougeish, beer-swilling, hedonistic images would suggest.

A sociologist will tell a scientific gathering this week that "new laddism" — the bibles of which are magazines such as Loaded, 'FHM and Maxim — is really a cover for a growing subculture of men who feel impotent in the face of rapid economic and social upheavals.

Angus Bancroft, of Cardiff University, said: The New Lad was supposed to be a tough, arrogant, sexy and self-reliant replacement for the effeminate New Man of the 1980s. He is supposed to enjoy football, drinking, is comfortable with soft porn. He is generally pleased with himself but dignified by ironic aware-

ness of his clownish nature." But Mr Bancroft will tell the British Association for the Advancement of Science annual meeting on Thursday that the New Lad is really "a bit of a weed. He seems curiously out of his depth in the midst of the rapid changes affecting society at every level," he said. Mr Bancroft, from the university's School of Social and Administrative Studies, said

history was littered with examples of "new laddishness". "Gangs of young aristocratic men wandered the streets of Ancient Rome at night on



Gascoigne, left, and Gallagher: "vulnerable" New Lads

rampages of drink and vio-lence." he said. "What is new is that these things were seen in the past as phases in a young man's life which he would grow out of. The New Lad is a broad shift in male behaviour across the social

He said Gascoigne and Gallagher were perfect exam-ples of "vulnerable man-child" figures unprepared to take responsibility for their actions.

Mr Bancroft said the Gov-ernment and Tony Blair had to shoulder some responsi-bility for the cult of bility for the cult of laddishness by encouraging emotional populism, which led to infantile behaviour in young adults, who carry it on into middle age.

"To understand laddishness I have put it in context with increased infantilism at all levels of British society, the search for instant satisfaction and the rejection of responsi-

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The Barker diaries chroni-

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Professor Davies said that

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Men are also becoming marginalised by women with male unemployment exceed-ing female unemployment and girls beating boys at

The emotional populism of the government and the media and touchy-feely Britain conspire to suggest that the 1990s is the women's decade. Men. especially young men, are being regarded as a problem,"
Mr Bancroft said.

"It is not a triumph for feminism, because women do not have anything to gain if men increasingly retreat into a world which celebrates narcis-

sism of the beer belly." Mr Bancroft said New Lads should not be seen as a witty or ironic challenge to political correctness, as some have suggested. "It is an attempt to avoid the challenges of an

# Squire's diaries of 200 years ago help weather scientists

BY NICK NUTTALL White said that Barker was interested in farming and bee

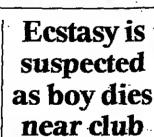
1790s.

THE dusty diaries of a Rutland squire who lived more than 200 years ago will help to refine supercomputer weather models trying to predict the impact of global warming. Professor Trevor Davies, of

the University of East Anglia in Norwich, said yesterday: We want to know if the variability and extreme weather of recent years is unusual or not. To do this we really need around 200 to 300 years of weather data, which is where the diaries come in." Official national weather records. which began in the 1860s in

Britain, were too short. Scientists have traced diaries and records by enthusiastic amateurs across Europe stretching back to about 1675. But the jewel is considered to be the diary of Thomas Barker, a landowner who lived at Lyndon Hall, Rutland.

John Kington a visiting fellow at the university's cli-matic research unit who has spent several years researching the life and diaries of Squire Barker, brother-in-law the naturalist Gilbert



A BOY of 16 was found dead outside an all-night dance club yesterday after apparently

taking Ecstasy.
The teenager from Gates head had been led to a bench outside the After Dark club in South Shields, South Tyne side, by bouncers after feeling unwell. He had been out with

group of friends.
Witnesses told police and ambulance staff that they believed he had taken Ecstasy Another reveller saw the boy unconscious on the bench where he had been left earlier by doormen.

An ambulance was called at 7.30am but the boy was dead on arrival at South Tyneside

District Hospital.

Detective Inspector William
Sproates said: "It is a really terrible tragedy for a young lad to die in that way. We are waiting for toxicology report to establish exactly what wa in his body at the time. There was no alcohol on sale at the club, only water and soft drinks, but people have told us that his speech was shurred and he was at times becoming incoherent."

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# Man Utd deal sure to attract · close scrutiny on fair trading

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

IF Manchester United Football Club were bought by British Sky Broadcasting, the deal would be closely scrutinised by the Office of Fair Trading.
The Department of Trade

and Industry said yesterday that it would expect the OFT to examine any deal to ensure there were no implications that might infringe competition. It would be up to the OFT to look into any deal, and pass its recommendation to Peter Mandelson, the Trade and Industry Secretary, who has the final say on whether acquisitions are referred to the Monopoly and Mergers Commission for a formal investigation.

The OFI's normal criteria for investigating a deal are that it creates a player with a 25 per cent market share or that it involves companies with £70 million in assets worldwide. Both Manchester United and BSkyB - a company in which News International, parent group of The Times, has a 40 per cent stake - easily cross the asset threshold.

Market share is a more difficult question. Manchester United, despite its pulling power, footballing record and profitability, is still only one of 20 clubs in the FA Premier League, each of which has one vote. With BSkyB it depends on how the market is defined. The company is dominant in the pay-television market but much less so in the television market overall.

However, the OFT will almost certainly want to look at the implications of a major force in pay-television sports rights taking over what is an influential, if only partial, owner of such rights.

A much larger issue of how television rights in the UK should be sold is due to come

**BRUSSELS SEES NO OBJECTION** 

to a head in January in the Restrictive Practices Court. One of the first things John Bridgeman did when taking over as Director-General of Fair Trading in 1995 was to refer to the court the Premier League's agreement with BSkyB and the BBC on the

rights to broadcast matches.

The OFT argues that the

deal, which runs until 2001, is a cartel that operates against the interests of individual clubs and the public because it is negotiated collectively. The case is expected to last for three or four months. If the Restrictive Practices Court rules against BSkyB's agreement with the Premier League, it has the power to strike out the deal and prevent any such collective agreement being entered into again. Television rights would then have to be negotiated on a club-byclub basis, with perhaps the home club owning the tele-vision rights to any fixture.

The League and BSkyB will argue that chaos could ensue. and that US sports leagues have specific exemption from anti-trust legislation.

Lawyers for BSkyB and Manchester United are convinced that no serious competition issues would be raised by a deal. All existing agreements would be honoured. Sky Sports would still show 60 live games a season with the obligation to show each chub at least three times. The existing criteria for selecting the game to broadcast live would continve. The club's management would also remain in place, if they chose to.

Even if the deal were referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, BSkvB would remain committed to arming the case for approval which ultimately rests with the DTI Secretary.



Andy Walsh, chairman of Manchester United Independent Supporters' Association, giving his view yesterday

# Brand name set to make £100m

MANCHESTER UNITED is the world's richest football club, making £1 million profit from every home game. This year, income is expected to exceed £100 million for the first time.

Much of it comes from gate receipts. The annual report for 1997 shows that fans paid £30 million to watch their team. The sale of shirts and souvenirs is worth £29 million a year to United, which receives another £126 million from television companies.

Shirt and other sponsorship brings in another Ell million and conference and catering at Old Trafford is worth £5.5 million. Programme sales alone are worth £1 million a year.

The 1997 balance sheet sbows that Manchester United's income rose by 65 per cent on the previous year to £88 million, despite a wage bill of £22 million, which is easily the highest in the Premiership. The income of Newcastle United, the second biggest earner, is less than half that of the Manchester

Italy's leading clubs. Juventus

Adrian Lee reports on the massive

business operation that adds up to the world's richest football club

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ures show the club bank account is also healthy, with

cash reserves of £16.5 million and assets of £72.4 million. Manchester United's suc-

cess in ourturing its own players, such as Ryan Giggs, David Beekham, Nicky Butt and Paul Scholes is a major factor. The purchases of the Dutch defender Jaap Stam for £10.6 million and the Aston

Gate receipts

single match day, the club generates more income than 22 of the 92 league clubs do In an entire season. Manchester United first joined the stock market in 1991, when it was valued at

£47 million. In July it opened Villa forward Dwight Yorke a savings account for fans, which could make the club for £12.6 million are not inmore than £100,000 a year. cluded in the latest accounts. Britannia will pay Man-chester United I per cent of The pre-tax profit made by Manchester United for the the total saved in the cluh's 1996-97 season (the most re-

building society accounts. It Is also building its own four-star hotel with more than 100 rooms, and has a museum. The name of Manchester United is one of the world's most famous brands. Although most of the club's home games are 55,000 sell-outs, the majority of the team's three million British supporters have never been to

Old Trafford. City analysts predict that Manchester United will continue to grow as the capacity at Old Trafford is increased to 67,000, television revenue rises and it is able to charge shirt and pitch-hoarding sponsors more.

the stockbrokers, "Manchester Uni-

Murdoch has tight grip on **American** TV sports

FROM GILES WHITTELL

IN FOUR years, Rupert Murdoch has spent prodigiously to make sports broadcasting the cornerstone of his American TV operation. In the process. he has outbid all rivals for American football's richest prize and bought outright one of the most famous teams in baseball. He also has interests in basketball and ice hockey

Best known in the US as owner of Twentieth Century Fox and Fox Television, Mr Murdoch paid £2.75 billion four years ago to wrest broad-cast rights to the National Football League from CBS. The move was followed this year by a renewal, for Ell bil-lion for seven more years of

NFL broadcast rights.

In March this year his E190 million bid for the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team was approved after a year of negotiation. One month later the Fox Group confirmed a deal to acquire 40 per cent of a new indoor sports stadium in central Los Angeles. The deal will bring Mr Murdoch a 10 per cent stake in the Lakers basketball team and leaves him poised to acquire a stake in the LA Kings ice hockey team.

Since buying the NFL nat-ional broadcast rights, he has also made two important deals for regional sports coverage. The first, a 50-50 joint venture with the Denverbased cable giant Tele-Communications, gave the Fox Group shared control of most US regional cable sports networks.

In a second deal, with Cablevision SystemsCorp. Mr Murdoch acquired a 20 per cent interest in Madison Square Garden, the renowned New York venue, and in two teams that play there - the New York Knicks basketball team and the Rangers, an icehockey team.

Murdoch channels now own rights to every major league team in New York that the Yankees and the Mets the only baseball teams to rival the Dodgers for name-

# THE European Union's closed practices and abuse competition authority is unlikely to object to the acquisition of Manchester United by BSkyB (Charles Bremner writes). Officials said yesterday that because Rupert Murdoch chairman and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent company of BSkyB, did not chairman for the issue of company of BSkyB, did not already own a European rights did not on first sight, seem relevant to the concerned. He can do whatever he likes I don't think we will look at this at all, said an official an amount turnover of more than the Brossels pompetition directorate. Karel Van Miert, the don't of it coming from outside the United King-THE European Union's closed practices and abuse

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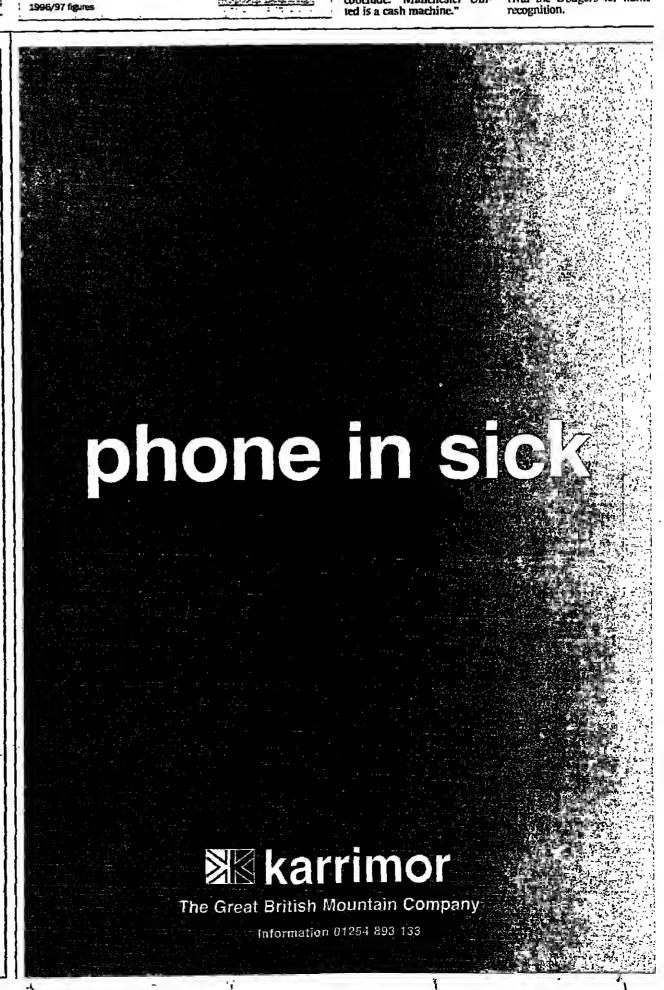
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# Police watchdog gives warning on CS spray

THE Police Complaints Authority has given warning of a backlash against the use of CS spray, after judges' criocisms over its misuse and growing public concern about its

Peter Moorhouse, chairman of the authority, said that police forces should monitor the use of the spray closely and ensure that it was not used simply to make an easy arrest. His warning came as figures compiled by The Times show more than 10,000 times since it was first deployed on the the streets as part of police

equipment. Police scientists are already carrying out research to find a used in police CS sprays. It is the solvent that can cause skin blistering, reddening and pain

in the eyes.

Mr Moorhouse said that police forces should address the public's concern over the number of cases in which it appeared that the spray had not been used properly. "It is an extremely valuable piece of equipment for the use of officers, but things like tear gas have not

A GIRL of four was sprayed in the face as police tried to

arrest two suspects outside

her uncle's home in Bord-

Lauren Thompson was playing when she was hit by

the spray, which the officers

used to subdue two men

wanted in connection with

motoring offences. The spray

was deflected off one of the

She was later treated by a

police surgeon, who judged

that the spray had had a

Lauren's mother. Michelle.

said that her daugher had

been screaming in pain: "Her

eyes were terrible, swollen

and red. She could not stop

rubbing them and she was

Kenneth Whitaket was

sprayed in the face as he sat in

minimal effect on the child.

men and on to her face.

eseley Green, Birmingham,

Forces urged to address public fears

as figures show 10,000 incidents in

past 2<sup>1</sup>2 years, writes **Richard Ford** 

fore, there is understandably an emotional response at its use," he said.

"They [the police] have to be very careful in using it only where necessary and in accordance with guidelines, otherwise they will alienate the public. I do not mean the

#### HOW IT WORKS

CS is not a gas but a white crystalline solid dissolved in a solvent that evaporates when sprayed, leaving a fine dispersal of CS parti-cles. When inhaled these irritate the sensory eyes and the linings of the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts, making the eyes stream and causing other unpleas-

Girl of 4 was squirted

in tussle with suspects

Lauren Thompson: was

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67. had stopped on double yellow lines to enable his wife.

at Kempston in Bedfordshire.

Phyllis, 76, to get to the salon

A police constable used the

criminal public, I mean the general public."

Mr Moorhouse said that, in spite of complaints, he did not think the public was losing confidence in the use of CS spray. But he said that a series of stories in the media that showed an inappropriate use of the spray had threatened to undermine confidence. "If these stories continue to build up, they will present an image of the use of CS spray that may not be the accurate image, but

its misuse." More than 250 complaints concerning the use of the spray were made in the year 1997-98. Between April 1996 to the end of March this year, there were two cases in which police officers were prosecuted for misuse of the spray. In both cases they were found not

The figures on the use of the spray show wide variations in the average number of times it

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the officer when he reached

into the car to take the keys.

Mr Whitaker was temporar-

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PC Andrew Taylor, 31, said

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Mr Whitaker has received

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PC Taylor was acquitted of



Moorhouse he called for careful monitoring

was used per month, with the it will build up a perception of West Midlands force topping the list at 62 a month followed Manchester 4t. But police say that the spray is now acting as a deterrent, with people in-volved in incidents asking if officers have the spray and

then calming down.

The Police Complaints
Authority's concern follows the latest criticism by a judge over the way in which officers used the spray in Bedford-shire. Judge Danie) Rodwell strongly criticised a police officer for unlawfully assault-ing a teenager involved in an incident outside an off-licence in Dunstable.

He said PC John Heath had single handedly managed to convert a drunken incident into a riot by not inquiring what was going on, using physical force and the "totally inappropriate use of CS gas".

Judge Rodwell said CS

spray could be used by the police only in self-defence in the face of an actual attack and was a weapon, not a containment device, as believed by PC Heath, "We would also like to make the point that, on the evidence we have heard, police officers were lamentably vague as to the training that they had received in the use of

CS gas.
"It is perfectly clear that the traning must be more frequent and, second, it is equally clear that police officers must be trained quite unequivocally that they may use it in selfdefence and for no other purpose. If they are not, then police are frequently going to find themselves in the situa-

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oon where they are the perpetrators of unlawful assaults and possibly liable to

The solvent in the spray is methyl iso-butyl ketone (MIBK), which causes discomfort to the skin because it does not evaporate instantly. The Police Scientific Department is currently carrying out re-search to find out whether a new solvent can be found that would prevent the reddening

and blistering. John Giffard, chairman of the self-defence, arrest and restraint sub-committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers, said: "There has been some criticism of the solution MIBK because of the temporary injury that it can cause. We want to see if we can develop something that im-Mr Giffard defended the

use of CS spray since its introduction two and a half years ago. He said officers were reassured by having it as a piece of equipment and that there was some evidence that simply carrying it helped to defuse difficult situations. He said that in his own

force, Staffordshire, which started using the spray in July 1997, there had been only three complaints resulting from its use on 105 occasions. He said its use was leading to a reduction in assaults on police and, in Staffordshire, such incidents fell from 50 between April-May 1997 to 29 during the corresponding two those months of this year.

# England fans fail to keep the peace

FROM RICHARD DUCE IN STOCKHOLM

AN ENGLAND football fan has been remanded in custody in Sweden after the trouble that caused thousands of pounds of damage on Saturday.

It was astonishing that no one was hurt when 30 panes of glass 80ft up in the Rasunda stadiuro in Stockholm were smashed and showered down as Swedish fans left at the end of England's 2-1 defeat in the Eutopean Championship qualification match. The shards of glass were followed by a steady rain of plastic

chairs and a hot-dog stand. Roy Hodgson, manager of Blackburn Rovers, who also watched the game, gazed at the destruction and said: "If you were a betting man, you'd have to put money on it being

Stockholm's police had kept England fans inside the ground to allow home supporters to leave and avoid clashes. A frustrated element among the 3,500 travelling fans - many fuelled by drink - began to break the windows before police eventually used tear gas to break up the crowd. No ban had been placed on the sale of alcohol and many England supporters could be seen drinking

heavily before the game. The incident marred a

relatively peaceful operation for the 600 police. There were 24 arrests, 17 of them for drunkenness. Severy other supporters were also held after minor scuttles in the centre of Stockholm or for causing criminal damage Most had been released yes terday, but Cameron Cal-houn, 22 of West Drayton, West London, was remanded in custody until tomorrow. He denied a charge of riot.

Chief Inspector Uli Goran-zon, of Stockholm police, said: "It was a reasonably success ful police operation. There was some minor fighting, but most

Jack Straw, the Home Sec retary, is expected to hold a series of meetings over the next few months with the police's Football Intelligence Unit and the Football Association to seek new ways, of stamping out English football hooliganism abroad. Convict ed hooligans can already be placed under restriction orders that ban them from travelling to a specific place and require them to report to a police station on the day of a football match. Only 100 of these orders have been issued. despite more than 20,000 convictions for football-related

# Trial for new rabies injection next year

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

TRIALS of a new system for travelling abroad with pet cats and dogs, based on an anti-rabies vaccination rather than quarantine, could take place next year.

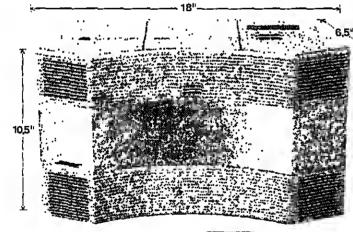
Nick Brown, the Agriculture Minister, is keen to reform the existing law, under which all cats and dogs of whatever origin entering Britain must spend six months in isolation kennels. Britain has some of the strictest quarantine laws in the world.

Mr Brown told The Times that a scientific report commission by the Government last autumn, and to be published later this month, had made a compelling case for change. The report, by Ian Kennedy, of University College London, concludes that vaccination, backed by blood tests and microchip identification, would be just as effective as quarantine.

Some 9,000 cats and dogs pass through quarantine every year earning about £12 million for Britain's 79 licensed quarantine kennel owners, who will no doubt demand compensation if the law is changed.

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# Children face rise in school

By VICTORIA FLETCHER

bullying

A MASSIVE increase in the number of children complaining of bullying has taken it ahead of physical and mental abuse from adults as the main

trauma they face.
Calls to ChildLine about school bullies rose by 40 per cent last year, with ChildLine helping 14,300 bullied children last year, many of whom said they had been driven close to suicide.

The escalating scale of the problem has led the charity to aunch a campaign on the issue, to increase awareness and raise funds to help more children. At present, the chari-ty answers only 3,300 calls of the 10,000 they receive daily because of restricted re-

ChildLine hopes to raise over £500,000 from a pinbadge campaign launched today to draw attention to the problems of bullying and bring them into the open. A new leaflet to guide parents, pupils and teachers on how to recognise and cope with bully-

# Half of Britain's shops are now open on Sundays

SHOPPING has become an accepted part of the British Sunday, with almost half of the country's stores opening and less than a quarter of shoppers opposed in principle to the practice, according to a

new survey.

The study of 20 centres England and Wales, for the consultants Healey and Baker, found that the number of shows that opened on Stantants shops that opened on Sunday had increased since last year, when only a third of Britain's shops did so. Mixed goods stores, such as department stores, continue to represent the highest percentage of sbops that open on a Sunday.

There has been a marked increase in food shops remaining open — up from 50 per cent last year to 72 per cent this year; and 60.1 per cent of sports and leisure stores open on Sundays, compared with 48 per cent in 1997.

Sales on a Sunday are not outstanding — they add up to about a third of those on

St Andrews to

take a swing

**Audrey Magee** and Ciaran

Hughes report on a change in

our way of life Saturdays, the busiest day of

trading.

The Sunday trading laws were relaxed in 1994, and Dr Yvonne Court, Head of Retail Research Services, says that Sunday trading "has become fully established in the British

way of life and makes good sense. For many people, longer opening hours offer the convenience of being able to shop outside the peak times." In the Irish Republic, the number of people paying more attention to Mammon than to God on a Sunday is recent survey showed that 60 per cent of the Republic's Roman Catholics attended weekly Mass compared with

77 per cent four years ago.
Virtually every shop in
Grafton Street, the main shopping street in Dublin, now opens on Sunday, and shopping centres on the outskirts of the capital are booming. For the shopping centre in Blanch-ardstown, Sunday is the busiest day of the week. The Catholic bishops.

spurred by a recent letter from the Pope calling on Christians to keep Sunday holy, will draw up an emergency plan at their conference next month to try to stem the tide. The Most Rev Michael

Neary. Archbishop of Tuam, a west of Ireland diocese, recently said that a society that did not observe Sabbath was "a retrograde step on behalf of the producer/consumer society". The Archbishop said that it was "a form of slavery"



Shoppers in London on a Sunday. A survey found that few people dispprove of Sunday trading

terms of economics, productivity and possessions".

The number of Roman Catholics in England and Wales who attend Mass has couraged to improve their preaching, in recognition of the wide choice of activities now available on Sundays. The Church has also revived Mass on Saturday evenings

for the Catholic Church and a priest in Wandsworth, south London, said: "Habits are changing - there is a lot more to do on a Sunday and there has been a gradual decline in Mass-going. Nobody can say if that is tied to shopping, but

working day."
In Ireland, trade unions and some politicians are also worried about the trend. Ireland has no laws governing Sun-day opening hours. In Britain, large supermarkets can open for a maximum of six hours on

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at golf vandals AFTER 250 years' serene pur-suit of golfing excellence, administrators at the world's best-known course have been

obliged to hire round-the-clock security guards to control vandals. The Fife course at St Andrews is the most hallowed 6,566 yards in golfing history, but it has been anything but sacred to night-time intruders who have burned benches. torn up flags and hit barbecues in the bunkers.

By day St Andrews is a Mecca for lovers of the game from all over the world: Golf pilgrims queue for precious tee-times on the links, and when it is finally their turn to play many spend more time posing for pictures by the Swilken Burn and the Road Hole than they do liming up their shots. After their £100 round on the Fife course most visitors buy a St Andrews sweater and bonnet to take home with them.

Now it is feared the green fees at the course will be forced even higher, to help for the security guards. who will be patrolling the strip alongside the Fife coast. Andrews's five other Jubilee, Strathtyrum and Balgove - have also suffered from night-time vandals, so now guards will come on duty when the daytime rangers

sign off.
The vandalism has been blamed by some on students at St Andrews University, although this is stremuously denied by the University Students' Association which says there is no evidence to implicate the students.

No one was available from the St Andrews Links manfor comment but a spokeswoman for St Andrews University said any students found misbehaving would be dealt with by its disciplinary policy. The Links management committee will be reviewing

green fees later this month and an increase is expected bécause the night guards will cost thousands of pounds a year to employ.

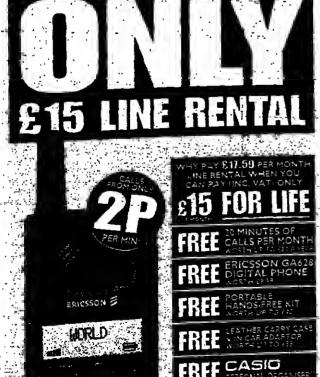
Yesterday one golfer, who did not want to be named, said: "If an increase in fees is linked to this vandalism then I am sure a lot of golfers would see that as unfair. It's a shame that somewhere like St Andrews has to resort to security like this."



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# All aboard the virtual school bus

Coreen King, a parent at Wheatfields Junior School in St Albans, acts as a "driver" in the virtual bus scheme. Pupils are kept in line by the volunteer "conductor" bringing up the rear-

CHILDREN will take part today in a simple but groundbreaking attempt to prevent traffic congestion caused by the school run. The "virtual bus" is seen by ministers as the cheap and effective way of persuading parents to let their children walk to school.

Pupils in St Albans, Hertfordshire, will stand at a series of "bus stops", waiting for a trained volunteer to escort them to school.

The virtual bus scheme comes complete with a "conductor" who supervises the pupils during their half-mile walk to school and a "driver". who wheels a trolley carrying satchels, lunch boxes and gym bags. Pupils even get a timetable of the free service.

Parents chauffeuring their children to school are responsible for about one in five morning peak-time car journeys. Ministers worried about the reluctance of parents to allow their children to walk to school have told local councils

#### **Arthur Leathley reports on a simple**

scheme to keep pupils safe and

reduce morning traffic congestion

providing safe routes for cy-

cling and walking.
The St Albans scheme, believed to be the first formal project of its kind, is centred on Wheatfields Junior School in the north of the city. Pupils aged between 5 and 10 will receive a loyalty card, allowing them to receive free items from the school stationery shop if they use the service

Only 59 per cent of children ged 5 to 10 currently walk to school, compared with 72 per cent in the mid-1970s.

Each volunteer escort will undergo police checks and will take up to five pupils. The school plans to extend the scheme to a further six routes later this month.

vised by Mouchel Consulting. a civil engineering company hired by Hertfordshire County Council to set up safer routes for pupils. Although the scheme being tried this week involves only a half-mile walk. there are plans to introduce longer routes later.

Moreland, from Mouchel, said: "Like every other school, congestion is a problem at Wheatfields and this is a simple way of ensuring that children get to school

"They all wear fluorescent vests and it has the advantage that they also learn about road sense as well."

To keep some of the older pupils interested in being escorted to school, an end-of-



The Working Sus Posters will encourage pupils to use the "bus"

staged for those who join the virtual bus project or cycle and walk to school.

A successful trial scheme was run at the school in June and other local authorities have approached organisers to find out the best way of setting up the virtual bus

# Daily car run can be bad for child's health

By IAN MURRAY, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN who are driven to school risk growing up with heart disease and brittle bones, according to a report published today.

Parents may think it is safer to drop their children off rather than let them walk, it says, but they are establishing a behaviour pattern that could undermine their health in later years.

The report, by researchers at the institute of Child Health, part of The Hospital for Children, Great Ormond Street, is based on an analysis of published data on school travel during the past 20 years. It aims to shock parents into realising the harm the are doing their children with

the daily school run.

Most primary schoolchildren still walk to school but the proportion has fallen from 72 per cent in the mid-1970s to 59 per cent today. The main factors influencing the decline appear to be rising car ownership and parents' fears of molestation, abduction and

traffic accidents. At present 82 per cent of five to ten-year-olds from households without cars walk to school compared with 52 per cent of those in households with two or more cars. The daily walk to school

represents 41 per cent of the average distance walked by all children annually, making it a vital component of physical activity at a time when figures show rising obesity among British children.

The patterns of adult physical activity are known to be established in childhood. Participation in sports declines steeply when children leave school, but those who are physically active are likely to persist with sports and other exercise into adult life. Adults who still participate in sports at 36 are likely to be those who were good at games at school.

Physical exercise in adulthood reduces illness and premature death from heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, obesity and osteoporosis. It also reduces mental health disorders.

According to Ian Roberts, director of child health monitoring at the institute, children are driven around more because the physical environment has become so hostile. "Children are also getting more miserable," he said. "We are seeing a whole host of behavioural problems, and while that's not necessarily linked to being cooped up, cannot help."

He said the trend for adults to take less exercise was already increasing the amount of ill health in older people. "The present generation of children, progressively losing the habit of walking to school, will continue the trend," he. said. "And as more parents acquire cars, more children will be driven."

Ben Plowden, director of the Pedestrians' Association, the pressure group that commissioned the report, said: "Rising car pressures and fears about paedophiles and traffic make the school run seem unavoidable for many parents. The resulting air pollution and traffic damage the health of children who do still walk to school. Now it looks like the school run may be bad for the health of the children being driven, let alone their future

health as adults." ☐ The School Run — Blessing or Blight? The Pedestrians' Association, 126 Aldersgate Street, London ECIA 4JQ; £15

Standards are still perilously low, says pupil study

By VICTORIA FLETCHER

RESEARCH has shown that standards in many English schools are "perilously low" and pupils who struggle in: primary school continue to fail throughout their education.

Teachers are blamed in the report, to be published today, for not helping pupils who find schoolwork difficult. The research also shows that the social background of children does not influence their The research, carried out for

the Social Market Foundation.

analysed test scores of 2.4 million pupils aged seven to 16 in more than 23,000 schools. The author of the report, John Marks, a former government policy adviser, said: "At present rates of improvement - where they exist - it will: take many years before the actual standards achieved are equal to the expected standards. The spread between the standards of different schools of the same type remains very decreasing and may even be increasing for some of the

subjects studied." The research showed that pupils who struggled with learning at an early age were not helped through their difficulties by teachers, and there. fore continued to slip behind their classmates over the following years. In some cases, pupils could fall up to six academic years behind those of the same age in neighbouring schools, Overall, 98 per cent of schools failed to achieve the national target for. English for their 14-year-old

In Barnsley there was up to 312 years' difference between pupils from separate schools who took English and mathematics tests. In some other schools, more than 30 per cent of pupils failed all their GCSEs.

Last weekend a survey by education researchers from Reading University: showed that two thirds of secondary schools did not know how to teach literacy properly and wanted clearer government advice on how to help low achievers to improve for nat-

Two weeks ago GCSE results suggested that poor performers were consistently ignored by teachers in favour of high-flying pupils who could after the school's league. table positions. In mathematics, the number of pupils who did not even achieve a result at GCSE had doubled since 1997. The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, the body that oversees national curriculum tests, has promised a full review of the situation faced by low achievers for next year.



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## **Twinning** plan may be adopted by the UN By Daniel McGrory

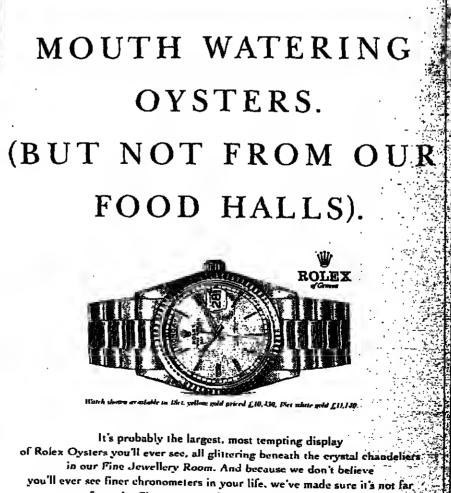
UNITED NATIONS officials are considering whether a Gloucestershire school's scheme to help children abroad should be adopted by governments internationally.

The scheme, devised by the Archway comprehensive in Stroud, twins a British school with one of similar size abroad to work on specific projects. It has been described by one senior UN official as "so simple it is embarrassing that we haven't thought of it before".

The UN's interest in the scheme comes at a time when it is seeking ways to raise money as governments cul back on aid programmes. Senior UN officials have invited pupils from Archway to describe their scheme in

It was inspired by Diana, Princess of Wales's last trip to Bosnia, when she promised to help Mirzeta Gabelic, a 16-year-old who lost a leg when she stepped on a landmine. The Princess died before she could carry out her promise and the school sent one of its pupils to Sarajevo to see what practical help it could offer Mirzeta and her family.

As a result of the trip, the school helped to renovate the girl's home and provided a playground for her school. Bob Willey, a teacher at Archway, said: "Our children can use this experience to figure out a business project, its costing and application, and to learn about the effect of war. They feel ownership of the problem and the solution."



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# No place for Carman in QCs' million-a-year club

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

FIFTEEN Queen's Counsel who reputedly earn El million a year are named this week in a survey of earnings at the

The top-grossing QCs in-clude six who have joined the million-a-year club since last year according to the survey in the 1998 Chambers' Guide to the Legal Profession. But gone from the list is George Carman, the libel silk who was among the top earners when the survey was first

published last year. The six barristers new to the list this year, who are said by colleagues and barristers clerks to be earning £1 million before overheads and expenses, are: Terence Etherton, Michael Flesch, David Oliver, Jules Sher, Nicholas Stadlen

and Geoffrey Vos. Out of the "club", with Mr Carman, are: Andrew Park, who since last year has been appointed a High Court judge. Peter Scott, and Michael Beloff, now President of Trinity College, Oxford, and busy

well as his practice. Mr Carman was the only QC in the list last year who did not come from the tax, commercial or chancery Bar. He has not recently had a major libel action, such as the Jonathan Aitken case, that has gone all

the way to trial.

The survey is published by Chambers & Partners as part of a package of research in its directory of 1,000 law firms and barristers. Reena Sen-Gupta, the guide's editor, said: Barristers' earnings one year may be very different the next they are not set in stone. You can get caught up in one case that lasts for months, for instance, or a big case can settle."

The income of many topearning solicitors was much more certain, she said. In contrast, barristers were far more vulnerable to the vagaries of fortune. Nonetheless, there could more than 15 QCs in the million-a-year club: those whose earnings were on the borderline were excluded on a wide range of activities as from the list and some clerks TOP EARNERS

The QCs who are in the

Michael Burton Christophar Carr Terence Etherton John Gardiner Elizabeth Gloster David Goldberg

Anthony Grabiner David Oliver Gordon Pollock Nicholas Stadlen Jonathan Sumption Geoffrey Vos

were coy about their barris-

There is a nervousness about being included because you might put off clients, and also you can also only fall downwards." Ms SenGupta

The figures come as the Bar struggles to rid itself of a "fat cat" image, reinforced in recent months by comments of government ministers. The



Pollock: number one 'star" at the Bar

House of Lords is due to report soon on how curbs may be imposed on top-earning legal

Ms SenGupta said that the pre-tax figures, which bad to be reduced by 20 per cent to take account of overheads. were not out of line with top earnings in banking, industry and commerce. They also reflected the fact that clients were prepared to pay more for

These fees represent a frac-tion of the millions that the QCs succeed in saving for their clients in many of these cases and the company clients that pay them regard them as value for money." Ms Sen-

Gupta said. The guide, which has its research audited by the British Market Research Bureau, reveals the QCs regarded by other lawyers and clients as the best performers in their fields. It also has a list of the top ten "stars" at the Bar -QCs rated highly across several fields of law, rather than one or two, by the solicitors who instruct them.

Top of the list is Gordon Pollock, who appears in nine specialist lists. His practice is said to be "unmatched". He is followed by Jonathan Sumprion in eight lists. Anthony Grabiner, in third place, is on only five lists but the quality of his practice is said to be "outstanding". Six of the top ien are in the million-a-year club.

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# Mother sues hospital over cancer 'failure'

By CLAUDIA JOSEPH

A MOTHER who has secondary breast cancer is taking legal action against Guy's hospital after doctors allegedly failed to diagnose her coodition for three years.

Beth Wagstaff, 39, who set up the breast cancer charity The Lavender Trust in memory of her close friend Ruth Picardie, the journalist who died a year ago of breast cancer, has issued a medical negligence claim against Guy's and St Thomas' Hospi-

tal NHS Trust Ms Wagstaff, who lives in Hertford with her husband, Jon, and their three children, said: "I'm not going to be



Wagstaff: says Guy's

around to give my children the lifestyle and support that a mother normally gives her children. The hospital com-pensation can't bring me back, but it certainly can

help."
Ms Wagstaff says she first attended Guy's hospital in 1992 with a small lump in her breast. But it was not until Christmas 1994 that she was given a mammogram and discovered that she had hreast cancer.

She was treated with chemotherapy for six months. doses of radiotherapy. But at the beginning of 1997 she discovered a dry patch of skin revealed the cancer had rebones. She had a mastectomy.

Yesterday a spokeswoman for the trust said. "We have the greatest sympathy for Beth and her family. Like her, we want to resolve this case as soon as possible. The lawyers are negotiating at the

Ms Wagstaff will be inter-Too Young For Death, scheduled to be shown on Channel 4 on October 14.

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# Males of combat age segregated by Serbs

brought even the gravediggers of Ponorac to their knees. The four Albanian men scratched away at the soil with their beneath a low stone wall.

The reason for their fear was obvious: they appeared to be the only men of potential combat age visible in the Kosovo town seized by the Serbs after a four-day operation 37 miles southwest of Pristina. A short distance beyoud the wall was the schoolhouse where Serb police and soldiers had locked up hundreds of males in the 15 to 55

The diggers could not talk to us or we to them. We raised our palms in question through the car window. The answer from among the small cluster of graves was unmistakable the index fingers pointed frantically at the hole in the ground, then the squeezing of

Even by the standards of the past few weeks, the Serb offensive in this area has been disproportionate in the exFears are growing for the safety of ethnic Albanian captives and refugees in Kosovo, reports Anthony Loyd from Ponorac



treme. Starting on Wednes-day. Serb artillery hit villages north and west of Orahovac, pushing columns of refugees into the mountain villages above Ponorac. By Thursday, tanks and mortars added their fire, sending an even larger

mass of people out of burning homes over the ridgelines into the valley round Ponorac. On Friday, the bombardment seemed to peak as it spilled upoo the villages sur-rounding Ponorac. Of the Kosovo Liberation Army. signed to smash, there was little sign. By noon on Friday most of the refugee columns gave up running. Surrounded by advancing Serb troops, exhausted and terrified, they

huddled together in groups -

some several thousand strong,

some just a few dozen - in

The police came with their guns drawn," said Ismajl Morina, 68, who was part of a 2,500-strong column caught at the bottom of a valley. They were very aggressive, sticking the guns in our ribs and faces. We were forced to sit down surrounded. There were six tanks above us and eight tanks at the end of the valley. A police commander arrived and told all the men to get up and move to the left. They came to me and asked how old I was. I said 70. After about an hour, the police told the old men, women and children to go home. But a group of 100 to 125 men aged between 15 and 55 remained behind us."

Among these segregated males were nine members of

Mr Morina's family, including his son and grandson. At nightfall he saw Serb lorries take the prisoners away. The scenario was completed with each group of refugees.

Though Ponorac itself was untouched by the shelling, the arrival of the police and army together with hundreds of male captives frightened most refugees into further flight. On Saturday they baked in

the sun, on Sunday they were drenched in rain. The Serbs have burnt our homes, taken our vehicles, our possessions and now our men." an elderly among 40 women and child-ren. "We have been on the road for three days with nothing to eat."
The US Assistant Secretary

of State for human rights, John Shattuck, yesterday urged the West to press President Milosevic for an immediate ceasefire.

Belgrade: Washington has

announced another large increase in its aid spending in Kosovo. putting together a E13 million food delivery.



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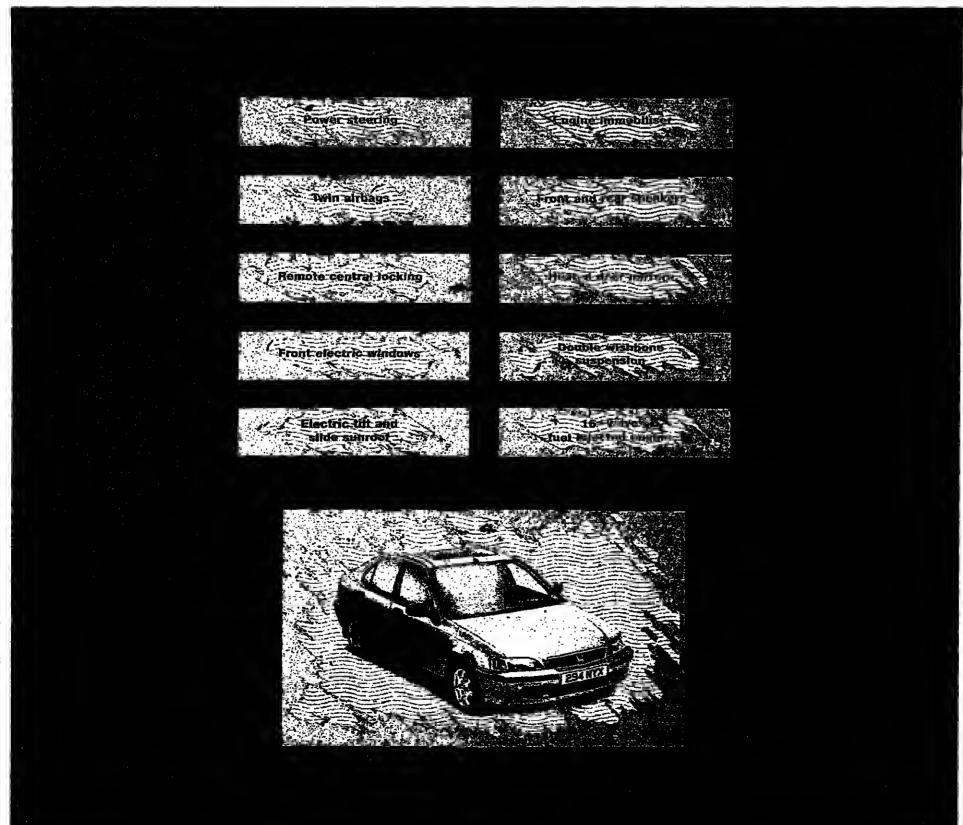
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Bavaria, land of cow-bells, car designers and computer whizz ment on Sunday. The Christian Social Union (CSU) is the dominant force and will surely hold on to power, but the far-Right Republicans are scratching away on the outer fringe. As much as 8 per cent of the vote could go to this ultra-nationalist party as it mops up Eurodissidents and xenophobes. The Bavarian election matters to Helmut Khol. If the CSU loses voters, the result will be blamed on the Chancellor in Bonn rather than Edmund Stoiber, the

To fend off the challenge from the right, the CSU has become stridently tough on crime and immigration.

The election campaign is more than the usual theatre in the round. It is beginning to close down German options, reduce its role as the self-appointed advocate of swift Central European entry lo the EU. The tone was obvious at an election rally when leading Social Democrat Rudolf Scharping insisted that foreign labourers should be paid the same as Germans on Berlin build-ing sites. That is a way of saying: "Keep East Europeans off the jobs market."

In last week's parliamentary duel between Herr Kohl and his tough challenger, Gerhard Schröder. both men danced to the new melody. Herr Schröder demanded that the Chancellor present a timetable for East European accession, with details as to how the European freedom of labour rules will be implemented.

The Social Democrats. in other words, are playing on the fear of eastern workers. Herr Kohl, for his part. talked about "our powerful neighbour in the east. Russia". Since 1945 there has been no German-Russian border: Poland gets in the way. Manfred Kanther, the

INSIDE GERMANY



BY ROGER BOYES

Interior Minister, has at least grasped the geogra-phy. He has been urging Poles to close their eastern frontier with Ukraine lest the Ukrainians tread westwards. That too might be come a condition of Polish

Eastward enlargement is not particularly popular among Germans and so politicians on the populist trail exploit fears rather than waste time trying to sell the idea of a bigger Europe\_

The last fortnight has shown that Germany really does not have a Russia policy. It does business, it buys gas, it backs Yeltsin is on the ropes, there is no business to be done (50,000 German jobs may be lost as a result of the. Russian crisis, according to the tabloid press), and no government with which to conduct diplomacy.

Other countries are in a similar position, having failed to understand that policy in Russia bounces like a billiard ball from cushion to cushion. But Germany's fundamental national interest, obscured: by the elections, is to put up a firebreak between the crumbling of post-communist Russia and the young democracies of Central Europe. Only rapid EU entry can achieve this. Sadly, the German political class has chosen this critical moment to lose concen-

# Berlin police seize spy scandal files

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN...

GERMAN police have searched a Berlin publisher's offices for the manuscript of a former top spy whose memoirs reveal that the counterespionage service was infiltrated by Nazis, chaotically managed and sex obsessed.

Hans Joachim Tiedge was chief of West German counter-espionage until he defected to East Berlin in 1985. When the East German state collapsed, he fled to Moscow where he now lives, protected by the Russian security services. His memoirs, The Defector, have been printed and stored in Austria to keep them out of the hands of the German police. The police raid on the poblishing house. Das Neue Berlin, last Monday netted galleyproofs and a

The prosecutor's office may take out an injunction against the book if it finds sufficient evidence that Herr Tiedge has violated German secrecy rules. He faces outstanding

treasoo charges. Among the book's revelations are claims that a Soviet agent had an affair with the wife of a minister in the Hesse state government: a German agent triggered an alarm in counter-espionage headquarters in Cologne while making love to a colleague on his desk; and that the service hired former Nazis and shel-tered them well into the 1960s.

One, Erich Wenger - formerly a Gestapo representative in io Paris - used to hide in the office when Allied representatives visited, lest he



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# Russians relearn ways of austerity

LIKE passengers on the Titanic moments after the collision with an iceberg. Muscovites have reacted with a mixture of panic and brava-do to the looming disaster

facing their city.

As the flagship of Russia's reforms begins sinking in a sea of inflation and currency daughtation. devaluation, some cozens are frantically scrambling for the lifeboats while others are opiing to have one last dance in the ballroom or order a final round of drinks at the bar.

Three weeks into the crisis caused by the fall of the rouble and the collapse of the banking sector, it is now dawning on even the most optimistic Russians that the country faces /ears of hardship before it can tope to turn its economy arouni.

As banks and businesses continue to lay off thousands of staf and shoppers hoard staple goods to see them through the winter, the capital is heading back to a future reminiscent of Soviet days.

The irst casualties have been the luxury imported items which during Moscow's glitzy hoday over the past four yeas were vital status symbols or the new rich.

Today expensive shops stand empty, their foreign designer dothes beyond the

Moscow's luxury

liner has been

exposed as a ship of fools, Richard

**Beeston** writes

the disaster. Similarly, sales of foreign cars, particularly the Jeeps and Mercedes lavoured by "new Russian" businessmen, have all but stopped. In their place the Lada, the boxy bui durable saloon, has made

an impressive comeback.

Newspapers, once full of gossip. today provide handy tips on how to cope with the new realities of life. Last week readers were told which foodstuffs were best to store sugar, pasta, oats and salt. There was also advice on how to retrieve money frozen in bank accounts, whether or not to buy gold, and Soviet-era survival ops on how to make the best use of old socks, orange rinds and newspapers. Not everyone is gloomy, however, Over the weekend Yuri Luzhkov, Moscow's Mayor, threw his annual city birthday party and even hosted an athletics competition, which

attracted international stars.

afford to squander millions of pounds on parades and athletics sponsorship, the Mayor's beaming face and encourag-ing words did help to steady the city's nerves.

By far the stiffest upper lip

in Moscow belongs to Aliona Doletskaya, the stylish editor of the new Russian Vogue. which launched its first edition just as the crisis was unfolding last month.
The Kommersant news-

paper said: The Russian edition of Vogue hit the newsstands the day the Kiriyenko government was fired and the entire middle class went to the dogs ... The life serviced by glossy lifestyle magazines has deflated and is dissolving right before our eyes."

Although the magazine cancelled a planned party for top foreign fashion designers and supermodels, it went ahead with a more modest bash. "Enjoy il while you can." said a Russian photographer. This is the last party we are going to see like this in a very

Bank write-off, page 48



# Golden mosaic crumbles in winds

FROM RICHARD OWEN

NEARLY a year after the Umbrian carthquake which badly damaged the Basilica of St Francis at Assisi, strong winds and heavy rain have brought down part of a world-renowned golden mosaic on the facade of the cathedral at Orvieto.

The area has been cordoned off amid fears that other sections may also collapse.

Experts said it appeared that the spectacular mosaic, depicting the Coronation of the Virgin Mary, had been weakened by last September's earthquake, but the damage had gone unnoticed. It had remained precari-ously in place until this weekend's bad weather, which marked the end of a scorchingly hot summer in Italy. Fragments fell near some tourists. but no one was hurt.

# EU backs mild reform recipe

THE European Uoion yesterday distarted itself from the American packed recipe for all-out maket reform in Russia and irged Moscow to forge a suropean-style welfare state as the surest solution to its economic and . political wes.

The EU foreign ministers came up with their Russian formula a a session in Salz-burg. Austia, that was coloured by concern over Europe's hability to run an effective conmoo foreign pol-. icy and by some annoyance. with the U. The absence on pointed Euppe Minister, occurpled Mr (ook's seat. Europe vanted Russia to

economy onto them when it took two centuries to take root with us," he said.

gentler Russian reforms reflects a growing fear that the

America was also the butt of

In a furious riposte, Klaus Kinkel, the German minister, doing a lot for Kosovo, ministers insisted, and there was oow a glimmer of bope for a

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN SALZBURG

holiday of Robin Cook, the ton's special envoy for th Foreign Scretary, from an crisis in Kosovo, attacked the important EU council was EU last week for what he said seen by sore continental min- was indifference to the Balisters as a simptom of contine. kans while they "toasted using Britislack of EU spirit themselves" on creating a United Europe.

adopt the 1950s model of European economy rather than unferred capitalism promoted by the Americans, said Hubet Vedrine, the French Freign Minister. You canno force a market

The EU's new emphasis oo

present crisis could lead to social unrest. In a brief statement that took a week to draft, the 15 governments called on Moscow to rule out a return to a Soviet-style command economy in favour of "structural reforms in order to establish a social market economy".

ministerial attacks after Christopher Hill, Washing-

Ambassador to express himself in such a cynical and disdainful way. The EU was settlement there.

# ALAN



Alan Clar, the Tory MP, historian and celebrated diarist, wil be speaking on his new book, The Tories: Caservatives and the Nation State 1922-1997 Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20) at a Times/Dions Forum on Wednesday, September

The forum will be chaired by Peter Stothard, Editor of The Tites, and there will be an opportunity to put questions to the former Minister.

The forum the 50th in the Times/Dillons Forum series, wil take place at 7.30pm at the institute of Education 20 Bedford Way, London WC1. The admission price of £10 (concessions £7.50 for students, rensioners and the unemployed on production of valid I.D.) Includes a reduction of £2 on copies of The Tories.

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# **Clintons** return to hostile **Democrat** reception

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton returned from Russia and Ireland yesterday to face the worsening crisis over his presidency, as more leading Democrats deserted his cause and Washington waited tensely for the impeachment report from Kenneth Starr, the prosecutor.

A stunned and panicky

White House is bracing itself for the report on Mr Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky. which could arrive in Congress this week, and which is set to be even more sexually explicit and legally perilous than his supporters had

In Ms Lewinsky's final two hours of testimony on August 26. Mr Starr asked such detailed and intimate questions that he arranged for all lawyers and stenographers in the room to be women, according to Time magazine. In a further unexpected blow this weekend. Parris Glendening. the Democratic Governor of Maryland, pointedly dis-tanced himself from Mr Clinton by cancelling a fundraising event with the President which would have given him crucial cash for his difficult re-election fight. The White House had

counted Mr Glendening as one of the President's most vocal defenders, but was rebuffed when it tried to persuade him to go ahead with the event. Even in strongly Democratic Maryland, the Governor's private polls show public support for Mr Clinton withering, according to The Washington Post.

The Starr report on Mr Clinton's affair with the former White House trainee. which will provide the formal basis for impeachment hearings or pressure for Mr Clinton's resignation, could be delivered to Congress as early as this week, according to Newsweek. Six of Mr Starr's prosecutors are racing to complete the 300-page manuscript. He has also roped in the well-known Christian author and legal scholar, Stephen Bates, described as a genuinely moral conservative" by colleagues, to bolster

Waiting for the report, which will determine the

future of the Clinton presidency, has sent Washington into a fever. Republicans have accused the White House of planning a "glass-house" counter-attack, "outing" Re-publican sexual scandals in retaliation. This weekend Dan Burton, a Republican moralist, who called Mr Clinton a scumbag" just months ago, was forced to admit he had fathered an illegitimate son during his marriage.
Yesterday the capital was

awash with rumours of the report's details, from stories that Mr Clinton had a sexual affair with another trainee, to tales that he had groped a woman in the back seat of the presidential limousine.

On Capitol Hill, party leaders were trying to calm the fever, urging members to wait until they could consider the facts before calling for Mr Clinton's resignation or im-peachment. Asked whether he expected the US to have President Clinton or President Gore in a year's time, Trent Lon, the Senate leader, said carefully: "It depends what is

in the Starr report."

This week Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, will hold an unprecedented meeting with Richard Gephardt, leader of the Democratic minority. to decide who will see the most explicit parts. But privately aides admit there is no chance of keeping the sexual details secret behind a "firewall".

Democrats, who had hopes just months ago of reclaiming the House of Representatives. are now fearing a rout in the November elections. They are terrified that Republicans will increase their majority in the 100-seat Senate to 60.

The desperate and demoralised "spinners" in the White House have reverted to the tactic of "prebuttals" which they used in last year's campaign finance controversies leaking sensitive information to try to control the light in which it is presented. In recent days they have revealed that the relationship was briefer and more sporadic than wide-ly assumed — just half a dozen encounters, with a final tryst in February 1997.

William Rees-Mogg, page 20



The Clintons are met by Buddy on arriving home, but loyal friends are scarce

# Doomed jet's last turn

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX

INVESTIGATORS are work-ing on a computer simulation of the last six minutes of Swissair Flight III before it crashed into the sea off Nova

It emerged yesterday that Urs Zimmermann, the Swiss-air pilot, had flown a complex figure of eight over the water and nearby fishing villages at about 10,000ft. He tried in vain to dump fuel over the water because he believed his aircraft was still too heavy to land at Halifax international airport, which was less than

ten minutes away.

Residents of Peggy's Cove
and fishing villages around St
Margaret's Bay have been telling reporters and police for the past four days that they had seen the aircraft pass over their homes and around the bay, not in a straight line out at sea. Investigators will deter-mine whether the pilot's figure-of-eight manoeuvre may have lost precious time and contributed to the crash.

Investigators also revealed the final moment of the pilot's conversation at 10.24pm local time. Zimmermann radioed the air traffic control tower in Halifax: "We are declaring an emergency at 01.24." Up until then he had only declared a



A Swissair pilot demonstrates a training exercise at the weekend to simulate smoke in a plane cockpit...

lower-level indication of trou-ble aboard the aircraft, a "pan pan pan", which is one level below the well-known mayday signal which the pilot never sent out.

Zimmermann continued:

"We are starting vent now, we have to land immediately." The radio communication suddenly went silent and the plane crashed six minutes later, possibly as it was still turning in a sharp loop to dump fuel. Investigators hope the black-box recorders will determine what happened after the radio and radar

signals were broken off. Over the weekend family

members and friends of the victims arrived at Peggy's Cove. Many of them placed wreaths at the base of the lighthouse which attracts. thousands of tourists every summer. Others threw flow ers into the ocean as they went openly or filled jars

Meanwhile, another 200. Canadian soldiers were brought in, bringing to more than 500 the number of mile tary personnel patroling the coastline all along St Margaret's Bay, gathering deces of the aircraft and part of hisman bodies which co

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BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS. SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

IRAN moved 70,000 Revolutionary Guards close to the Afghan border yesterday in a tacit threat to invade. Although Tehran denied any hostile intention, the manoeuvres sent a message that it is ready to defend hundreds of thousands of Shia Muslims fighting for their lives against

the extremist Taleban militia. State-run Tehran radio warned that tran had the right under international law to take all necessary action against Taleban over the disappearance of ten Iranian diplomats and a journalist -probably killed by Taleban when it seized the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif a month ago. The Iranian Consulate was ransacked and bodies lay in the sun for days.

Taleban gave a warning of catastrophe if Iran invaded: "If war is imposed on us it will have a domino effect that would turn the entire region into a fireball." The militia is reported to have armed civilians along the border with

Iran to meet any incursion by Revolutionary Guards — an almost meaningless gesture of resistance to superior forces.

Any military operation by Iran would doubtless expose Taleban's lack of military prowess, command structure or organisation. It is a ragtag army that has captured 90 per cent of the country mostly by

bribing enemy commanders.
Thousands of Russian forces are positioned along the northern Afghan border in Tajikistan, ready to resist any border crossing. The rise of the fanatical Islamic army threatens to destabilise a wide region, and has drawn expressions of alarm from Turkey to



India. China is also worried about unrest among its Muslim population in the west.

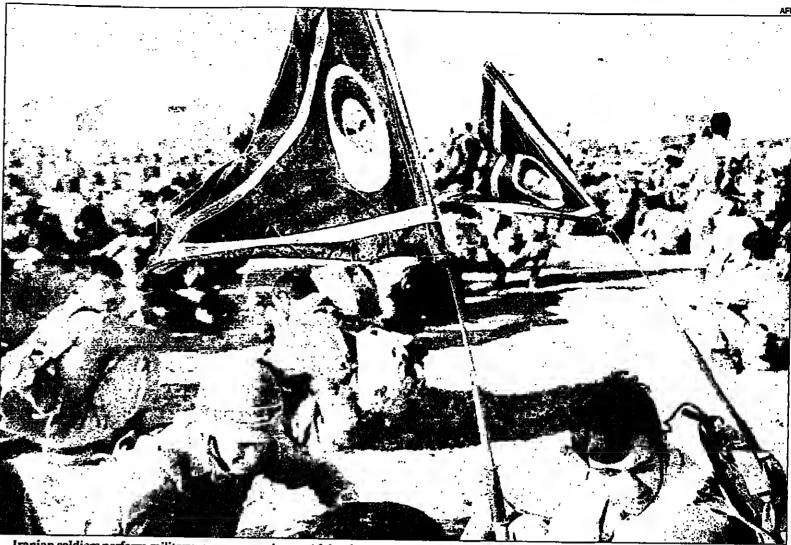
Ayatollah Khamenei, tran's supreme leader and commander-in-chief of the armed forces, pledged "no confrontation with Taleban" - a statement that cannot be regarded as the final word as regional tensions rise and Shias in Afghanislan face slaughter.

Amnesty International said thousands of civilians from the Hazara ethnic group were massacred by Taleban after it captured Mazar-i-Sharif. The slaughter has added to fears Shias besieged Bamiyan. They have an airstrip for supplies but are otherwise cut off.

Taleban is also besieging the only other big opposition stronghold, the Panjshir Valley held by Ahmed Shah Masood, the Tajik leader. Taleban jets have been pounding the area.

☐ New York: US intelligence

officers drew up plans last spring for a covert raid to capture Osama bin Laden in Alghanistan, The New York Times said yesterday. (AP)



Iranian soldiers perform military manoeuvres close to Afghanistan, where thousands of Shia Muslims are fighting extremist Taleban forces

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# Ban on logging to cut 1m jobs

FROM OWEN BROWN IN BELJING

MORE than a million Chinese lumberjacks will trade their axes for shovels as part of a three-year plan to replant the forests of China and prevent a repeat of this summer's devastating floods.

Over-logging in central Sichuan province has been blamed for the worst flooding along the Yangtze in 44 years, with experts blaming millions of tons of silt washed each year into the upper reaches of the river for the record-high floods which have claimed more than 3,000 lives in the past three months.

The Government last week banned logging in Sichuan's 54 western counties, putting 4.6 million hectares of forest off limits to chainsaws, shutting down 65 timber mills and reducing production at a fur-ther 70 mills.

The State Forestry Administration estimated that the three-year ban would put more than a million people employed in China's timber industry out of work.

Li Yucai, deputy director of the forestry administration, said most laid-off workers would be given new jobs as tree planters

A £1.5 billion investment strategy would ensure better protection for China's oldgrowth forests and eventually make lumber production

mainly reliant on newly planted trees, Mr Li told the state-

run Xinhua newsagency.
The total projected spending included £44 million earmarked this year for plantings in the upper Yangtze and Heilongjiang prov-ince in China's north-east, which bore the brunt of this year's floods.

Although China has 87 million hectares of forests, accounting for 9 per cent of its land, overlogging by illegal timber mills and farmers in isolated communities desperate for winter fuel prompted predictions that the country could be completely cleared of woodland in the next decade.

The International environmental group Greenpeace welcomed the move, but said the Government had acted late. Ho Wai Chi, executive director of Greenpeace China said: "Something has to be done to improve farmers' livelihoods and allow them to survive without logging."

□ Rights pledge: Mary Rob-

inson, the United Nations human rights chief, vowed to ensure that an agreement she hopes Chinese leaders will sign during her visit to the country would have "practical implications" for advancing human rights. (Reuters)

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# Power of motion in the ocean

west coast an intriguing experiment is about to begin A hole will be drilled in the seabed and an "underwater wind-mill" planted there, the first major step in a project to test whether the swirling currents in the ocean can be transformed into useful energy.

The immense power of the sea is locked into the odes. "Tides are set up when the Moon pulls the surface of the ocean," says Peter Fraenkel, the technical director of IT Power. the Hampshire firm that designed the windmill, or marine current turbine. This causes the ocean to slope and therefore currents are set up."

The resulting flows are particularly strong when the water is forced around headlands or between two chunks of land. That makes the British Isles, with their jagged geography. an ideal testing ground.

A feasibility study by the company

suggested that the currents in the Pentland Firth between Orkney and the Scottish mainland could produce 5,000 megawatts, equivalent to the output of five nuclear power stations - about 6 per cent of the nation's energy needs. A survey conducted for the Department of Trade and lodustry showed that if all known currents surrounding the British Isles were harnessed, up to a fifth of our power needs could be met by marine current technology. And those are just the currents that have been documented; there are bound to be others lurking in unstudied areas.

This month, thanks to a £675,000 grant from the European Union. IT Power will get to build a full-scale turbine and anchor it off Devon or Cornwall. The turbine, which is unlikely to begin operation before 2000, will have blades about 15 metres long; these will be pushed round by the ocean currents, typically about 2-3 metres per second (about 4-6 knots) and generate about 300 kilowatts. A cable will carry the energy

Giant windmills on the seabed may create vital energy, says Anjana Ahuja

on to land and feed it into the National Grid. Eventually, Mr Fraenkel envisages that there could be clusters of turbines dotted around Briosh waters, silently and cleanly siphoning off the sea's limitless energy and pumping it into our homes. The cost of 6p per kilowatt hour is three times that of electricity produced by conventional means but it would drop if the turbines were mass-produced.

There has been a successful smallscale test of the marine current concept in Scotland. That trial, using a 3.5 metre turbine, was done in conjunction with Scottish Nuclear: the idea fell by the wayside after Scottish Nuclear was taken over. But it gave an idea of the difficulties involved.

"We anchored a pontoon and hung the turbine underneath," says Mr Fraenkel. "But because the seabed was hard rock with a slimy covering, the chains dragged. So we now think the best approach would be to drill a hole and drop the tur-

bine in. That way it stays there." Seacore, a Cornish firm, will do the drilling. Other partners are the University of Kassel in Germany. and ITT Flygt, a Swedish firm that will manufacture the turbines.

A study by marine biologists around Orkney and Shetland concludes that environmental impact would be minimal. The turbines, or sails, rotate so slowly that sea animals can move out of the way, and because all the action takes place in the water, noise is minimal.

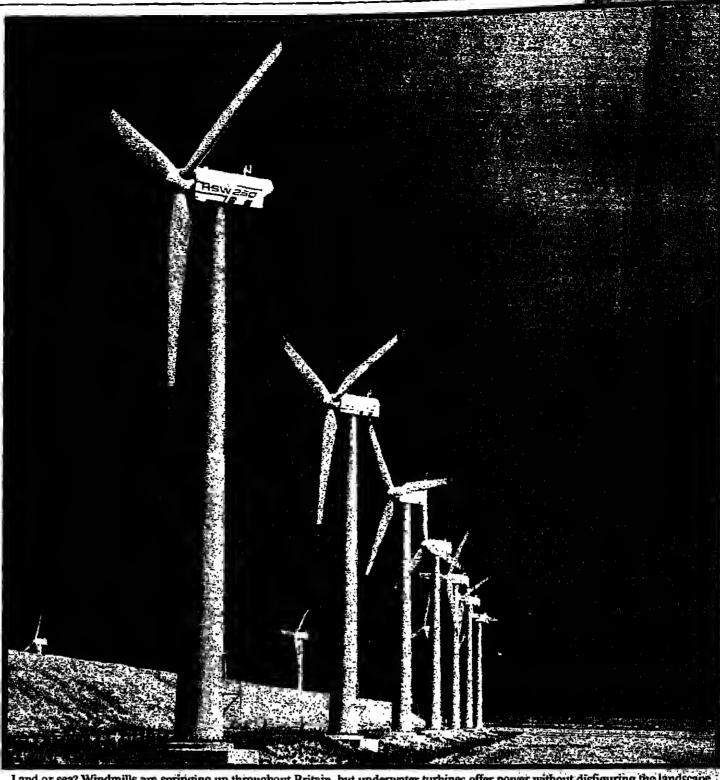
"If this gets off the ground, the big-gest problem would be fishing nets getting caught in the turbines," Mr Fraenkel says. "There would need to be an exclusion zone for shipping, and we would need permission from Trinity House, which oversees shipping. But the strongest currents tend to be around rocky coastlines,

which are hazardous anyway."
Wind farms, which have been springing up all over Britain, have been touted as the environmentally friendly way to produce energy. Yet underwater windmills have advan-tages over their land counterparts. They are less of an eyesore and noise nuisance (although there would need to be a sign of the turbines above water to alert ships). The currents also ebb and flow in a predictable way, unlike wind. And currents vary around the coast; even when one set of turbines isn't operating, another can take up the slack.

he outlook isn't all rosy. The turbines could be hazardous to operate and main-tain in bad weather. Seawater corrosion must also be taken into account. But the system will weigh less because it is submerged. So steel and concrete, which are cheap and hardy, could be used for the turbines; land windmills use expensive plastics and carbon fibre.

If these underwater generators are such a good idea, why has it taken so long to try them out? The main reason, Mr Fraenkel says, is that offshore engineering is so much more sophisticated than it once was.

To drill a hole in the seabed 20 years ago and drop a pile in would have been science fiction - and then everyone used coal and didn't give a damn about the environment, Also, the UK and EU have set targets for 10 per cent of all energy to come from renewable sources. We can't meet them unless we go



Land or sea? Windmills are springing up throughout Britain, but underwater turbines offer power without disfiguring the landscape

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# Face the fats: sugar is not a diet disaster

NOBODY gets fat overnight, but many people do so during

a decade or so. A man of ideal weight at the age of 20, who puts on just a few pounds every six months. will be clinically obese by 35. In middle age such insidious weight gain becomes increasingly difficult to prevent. The answer, to judge by the re-

suits of a recent five-nation study, is to try to lose weight just as slowly and surely. And, as any dieter knows, most diets fail.

But the Carmen study (for Carbohydrate Manipulation in European National diets) achieved success by shifting to a diet lower in fat but higher in starches and sugars. Volun-

teers were taught to choose the right foods and they were allowed to eat as much as they wanted. The results were un-

dramatic, but encouraging. More than 300 overweight people from Spain, Denmark, The Netherlands, Germany and Britain were put into one of three groups. One contin-

receiving about 36 per cent of their food, energy from fat, they got 30 per cent.
To make up for it, one of the

lower-fat groups was encouraged to eat lots of starchy food - bread, potatoes and pasta - while the other combined ued with their normal diet, such foods with sugar and

foods: containing while the other two switched to diets lower in fat. Instead of sugar. The aim was to discover not only whether those diets lower in fat cut weight, but whether they were sustaina-ble over six months, and whether filling up on sugar negated the benefits.

The results, reported by Dr Wim Saris of Maastricht University in The Nethcriands to the Inter-Obesity Congress in Paris

last week, show that both lowfat groups lost weight. The starch and sugar group lost, on average, 1.8kg (4lb) during the six months, and the starchalone group 0.94kg. The group that stuck with their normal diet gained 0.82 kg.
If these rates of weight loss

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Nigel Hawkes

are obese by 35. A particularly gratifying result for the sugar industry (which, together with the European Union, financed the Carmen study) was that eating sugar rather than other carbohydrates had no deleterious effects either in terms of weight loss or on choSA studies Sixties generation

CA'S electricity giant, Eskom, is looking at a nuclear technology that has been ne-

glected since the Sixties. The company favours developing the high-temperature, gas-cooled reactor — a design that was explored in Europe and America before water-cooled

reactors swept all before them. These reactors were technically successful but failed to be commercialised because of cutbacks in nuclear spending, and a failure to appreciate the inherent design advantages.

Eskom - one of the world's biggest electricity generators, with 38,000 megawatts of installed capacity - says that a high-temperature reactor. cooled by helium and fuelled by pebbles of uranium dioxide coated with silicon carbide, has many advantages.

By operating at high temper-

SOUTH AFRI- atures using helium, which is chemically and radiologically inert, it would be possible to drive a gas turbine directly from the hot helium in a closed cycle - increasing thermal efficiency from the 35 per

cent to 45 per cent. The neactor would be intrin-sically safe, since even if an accident occurred, heat loss from the fuel would always exceed the generation of decay heat. meaning that emergency-core cooling systems would not be

Eskom argues that these advantages would mean electricity generation at prices competitive with those of any other fuel. It estimates that a base load station operating for 40 years would produce power for less than ip per kilowatthour. It is how looking for experts to carry out an environmental assessment of the design before deciding whether to build a pilot plant.

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#### In defence of the birds



SOME ground-nesting birds go to heroic efforts to build ramparts of flat stone in front of their nests. The blackstart, which

lives in the deserts of the Middle East, is a small bird but the female will cheerfully spend four or five days fetching stones to create a mosaic several layers deep, up to 2ft wide and 3ft deep in front of the rock crevices where it nests. Ornithologists have put for-

ward many explanations, in-cluding protection from wind, a means of controlling temperature variations in the nest, simple sexual display, or discouraging predators. Dr Noam Leader and Dr Yoram Yom-Tov of Tel Aviv University watched blackstarts (Cercomela melanura) in En-Gedi nature reserve on the west shore of the Dead Sea to try to discover the true reason for a behaviour which is costly both

They conclude in Animal Behaviour that the stones serve not to deter predators. but to provide an early warning of their arrival. Birds which nest in crevices have no-where to go if an animal such as the spiny mouse, a large omnivorous rodent, appears at the entrance. But if the mouse has to tiptoe through a pebble rampart, surprise is lost and the bird can escape.

The zoologists found it al-

most impossible to approach blackstart nests without alerting the birds, even when they were 30ft or more away. But mice make much less noise, so to mimic their behaviour the scienósts rigged up a nylon cord to a stone in the rampart and pulled. They found the noise this caused was quite sufficient to send the female rockeong from the nest.



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# The sensual glamour of the geisha







TOP LEFT: Grey vintage silk kimono, £72, from a selection at Neal St East, 5 Neal St, London WC2, Tel: 0171-240 0135. Long grey lace dress, £650, by Abe Hamilton available from Koh Samui, 65 Monmouth St WC1. Grey beaded earrings, approximately £72, by Donatella Pellini, available from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1 or Harrods, Knightsbridge, Tel:

0171-225 1694. ABOVE: Claret and velvet coat with silk lining, £957. Gold and lilac silk dress, £455. Available from Krizia, 25 Conduit St W1. Tel: 0171-491 4987.

FAR LEFT: Violet and gold embroidered quilted coat available from a selection at Ghost, 36 Ledbury Rd W11. Violet satin plunge-back slip dress, £165, by Ghost and available at Browns, 23-27 South Molton St W1; Willy's, 24 Gandy St, Exeter.

LEFT: Green metallic and chiffon kaftan coat, £651, by Rifat Ozbek. Matching dress with beading detail, £278, by Ozbek, both available at Browns, as above. Green livet flip-flops, £11.95, from Neal St East, as above.

Photographer: LUCY FITTER Stylist: Nicola Goldie at Mandy Coakley

Make-up: Britta D at Mandy Coakley, using Estee Lauder Hair: Paul Vincent Brown at Michaeljohn, using Michaeljohn products.

# Wearing a kimono is as much a state of mind as a flamboyant fashion statement, says Style Editor Grace Bradberry The state of the house are gripping stuff. into a country house, with no—Lautrec even took to wan-read Memoirs of a For lashion people, now to chesterfields and chaises dering about in one.

read Memoirs of a Geisha this summer. The tale of Chiyu, sold as an apprentice geisha in the 1930s, has proved a compulsive read for many. Her mastery of ancient ritual, her triumph over the wicked senior geisha and her struggle to become the adopted daughter

er, these attractions are surpassed by the alluring depictions of Japanese kimonos. Dressing gowns, decadent daywear that owes much to nightwear, kimonos are the latest take on the bohemian mood that has been sweeping fashion for a few seasons now.

You will either feel comfortable in them or you won't - but if they are your thing, then age need not be an impediment. These flamboyant, ageless clothes are about mental attitude, not the date on the birth certificate.

But what mental attitude exactly? It can go in two direc-tions: totally Zen or 1920s

house party. It was the latter that Paul Smith was striving for in his first women's wear show, turning a warehouse in Chelsea

longues lining the catwalk. His floral silk kimono was the strongest look of the show.

kind of evening: you might, af-

ter all, feel a little silly going to

the local sushi bar in a richly

Still, there's a long artistic

tradition to the look. Toulouse-

Lautrec, Mucha and Klimt

patterned dressing gown.

headscarves.

don't want to spend the earth. or if, indeed, you only want to wear it in the safety of your Beyond the catwalk, the best home, then you're best off advert for this second look hunting around for an antique came last Monday in The Mrs one. Neal Street East is a good Bradley Mysteries. Did anyplace to start, although any specialist shop should be able one else swoon at the numbers Diana Rigg wore to bed? This was a costume drama in the to lay its hands on one. most literal sense, all silk

Splashing out is a doddle (as always), though you can comdressing gowns and flowing fort yourself with the idea that some of these designs will be If you go in the other direcworth handing on to your tion, Zen isn't as scary as it grandchildren. sounds. Ideally, you should in-Others are more fashion-led. vite your friends over for a Zen

Ghost's dressing-gown coat hits two trends in one (it is quilted: another hot look for winter), while the claret and gold coat and dress by the Italian designer Krizia is a wonderful - and far from eccentric were all inspired by the kimo- evening combination.

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here was £560 million - \$1 billion — on the table, but I didn't want it. "They need to know by 2pm this afternoon," John Thorn-

ton, an investment banker at Goldman Sachs, told me, I rang off, I looked across

at Simon Draper, one of the driving forces behind Virgin Music. It was 1992. We had spent the past 20 years building up

the company, but nothing had prepared

In many ways the signing of the Rolling Stones was the culmination of everything I had ever wanted to do at Virgin Music.

We had been fighting to sign them for 20

years, and now at last we had the greatest rock and roll band in the world on our la-

bel. We had now come of age: now we

were the label of choice for many of the world's biggest bands. But, just as we

reached this height, it was over. I had to have more money to support Virgin Atlan-ric. The pressure from Briosh Airways

By now I felt so sure that the bank was going to foreclose on us that I felt we had

no alternative. My overriding objective was to save Virign Atlantic from going un-

der and — cruelly — the only reason I was seiling Virgin Music was because it was so successful. If I sold Virgin Music, the Virgin name would be saved. Rather than having one struggling airline and a

record company, there would be a secure airline and a secure record company, albeit owned by Thorn EM!.

Although I saved the airline, I felt I had killed something inside me. It was like the death of a child. When I addressed the

staff I was on the verge of tears. I couldn't

tell them the real reason why the compa-

us for selling it.

# The tears streamed from my

Today, in the first extract from his autobiography, Richard Branson describes some of his musical highs and lows and tells of his despair as he was forced to sell the company that made his name

about the bank's attitude to Virgin Atlantic, then the airline and the rest of Virgin's

companies would be damaged.

And so, hating myself for having cashed in, I stood there and offered everybody a job at Virgin Atlantic if they were unhappy. When one of the staff passed a vote of thanks for "the best years of our lives," I could bear it no longer. I left the room and set off at a sprint down Ladbroke Grove, tears streaming down

Oblivious to the stares of passers-by, I must have run for almost a mile, When I passed a newspaper stand I saw a poster that should have dried the eyes of most grown men: BRANSON SELLS FOR E560 MILLION CASH. I ran past it, tears still streaming down my face, and somehow made my way home.

Feeling thoroughly depressed I wrote in my notebook: "Decided to go the conservaove route for the first time in my life." After paying off our Japanese investors

we still had more than £390 million. We

had more disposable cash than British Richard Branson's first venture.

branching out from Student - a hip, lowbudget magazine - was the Virgin Moil Order record company. But the postal strikes of 1971 threotened to bonkrupt the company. His answer was to rent a small shop in Oxford Street and start selling records quickly, before the money ran

ONCE VIRGIN had the record shops and the recording studio, we started talking about the third part of the grandiose

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Smiling through it all: "We had come of age, we were the label of choice for many of the world's biggest bands. But just as we reached this height, it was over

If Virgin set up a record label, then we could offer artists somewhere to record (for which we could charge them); we could publish and release their records (from which we could make profil); and we had a large and growing chain of shops where we could promote and sell their records (and make the retail profit

margin). The first artist we wanted to sign up

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with Virgin Music was Mike Oldfield, the third reserve guitarist from Hair.
"I'll need to rent some instruments."

Mike warned me. "Like what?" I pulled out my diary and

prepared a list. "A good acoustic guitar, a Spanish guitar, a Farfisa organ, a Fender precision

bass, a Fender amplifier, glockenspiel, a mandolin, a mellotron . . . "It's not absolutely necessary," Mike

conceded. "A triangle, a Gibson guitar . . . Oh, and some chimes, of course. "What are chimes?" I asked.

"Tubular bells."

I wrote down "tubular bells" and set about finding all these instruments in a music magazine. The guitar cost £35, the Spanish guitar £25, the Fender amplifier £45, the mandolin £15, and the triangle was a bargain at £1. The tubular bells cost £20. "£20 for tubular bells?" I said. "They'd

better be worth It."

It took Mike well into 1973 to record what become known as Tubulor Bells. II was a fantasrically complicated sequence of recordings to make and he went over it

again and again in the recording studio, mixing, dubbing, and fine-tuning all the different layers of music. Mike played more than 20 different instruments and made more than 2,300 different recordings until

he was happy.

Of Virgin's first four albums it was Tubular Bells that really captured people's imagination: it was completely original and immediately spellbinding. People found it addictive and played it again and again, both in listen to the music and to marvel at how Mike had woven it all together.

A grand Tubular Bells concert was planned to bring the national press to witness the music celebrity of the moment. It was to be an unmissable

On the day of the concert Mike came round to see me on the houseboat. "Richard," he said quietly. "I can't go through with this con-

I felt a wave of despair. I tried to forget that the whole concert was arranged, the ockets sold and even television coverage

agreed. "Let's go for a drive." I said innocuously, and led the way to my old Bentley parked outside. I knew that Mike had always admired this battleship-grey car with its faded red leather seats. We drove off with Mike sitting bolt upright. After a monosyllabic drive we reached the Queen Elizabeth Hall and I slowed down. There were Mike Oldfield posters everywhere.

"I can't go on to the stage," Mike repeat-"Do you want in drive?"
"All right," Mike said cautiously.

their way to the concert.

Already a crowd of people were making

We drove on, over Westminster Bridge. "Mike," I said. "Would you like to have

this car? As a present? "A present? Yes. I'll get out here and walk home.

You just keep on driving and the car's vours. "Come off it! It was your wedding

"All you have to do is then drive it round to the Queen Elizabeth Hall and go up on stage tonight. It's yours."

A silence fell between us. I watched Mike as he held the steering wheel and I imagined himself driving this car. I knew he was tempted. I hoped he would agree.

"It's a deal," Mike said.

I would have to tell Kristen and then
my parents what I had done with our Bentley, but I knew they wouldn't mind too much. For all its charm and sentimental value, the Bentley was just a car. It was vital to get Mike up on stage. If he was successful. I would be able to pick up any car I wanted.

That night we sold hundreds of copies of Tubular Bells. Mike was too shattered to speak to the press. Looking at all the people cheering and crowding round to buy his record, he said: "I feel as if I've been raped," and disappeared off in his new Bentley. Mike refused to go back on stage for many years afterwards. From that night onward, Mike Oldfield's .Tubular Bells was set to become the most celebrated album of the year. Virgin Music was on the map and the money started rolling in.

IN THE SUMMER of 1976 we had a crisis meeting to go through the Virgin Ros-ter. One by one we debated whether we tangible asset. Most of the press was negative but so had it been for The Rolling Stones when they had ser out 15 years

In November 1977, Virgin released Never Mind the Bollocks. Here's the Sex Pistols. The lettering on the album sleeve was a brilliant design by Jamie Reid. crudely cut out from newspaper headlines in the same way as hate mail and kidnappers' notes were detivered. Virgi put large yellow posters in their windows advertising the record. One day the manager of our shop in Nottingham was arrested under the Indecent Advertisements Act of 1889. I called John Mortimer, who had defended me ten years previously on a similar charge.

"I'm afraid we've fallen foul of the Indecent Advertisements Act again." I told him. "The police are saying that we can't

use the word 'bollocks'." "Bollocks?" he asked. "What on earth's wrong with bollocks? It's one of my favour-

He told me that we needed a linguisoc adviser, a professor of English who could define the exact meaning of "bollocks" for us. Since the case had been brought in

Nottingham, I called up Not-ringham University and was put through to Professor James Kingsley. He told me: "The word bollocks is an 18th-century nickname for priests. And then, because priests generally seemed to speak such a lot of nonsense in their sermons, bollocks' gradually came to mean

I enjoyed the court case. The police prosecutor was determined to win what was clearly a case of national importance Our shop manager was crossexamined and the police officer recited how he had arrested him since he was displaying this offensive poster. The police-man had the smug look of someone who was doing the public a great service and expected to be praised for it.

'No questions," Mortimer said when he was invited to cross-examine the policeman. Rather disappointed, the policeman stood down.

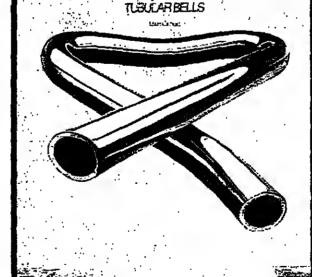
"I would like to call my witness." Mortimer said when he stood up-Professor James Kingsley, Professor of Linguisocs at Nottingham University."

As Professor Kingsley explained that "hollocks" was nothing to do with testicles but actually meant "priests" and then due to priests' sermons being full of it-"rubbish". John Mortimer peered at him myopically and appeared to be struggling to straighten out his thoughts.

"So. Professor Kingsley, are you saying that this expression Never mind the bollocks, here's The Sex Pistols', which is the basis of this prosecution, should more ac-curately be translated as 'Never mind the priests, here's The Sex Pistols?" asked Mortimer.

"I am. Or it could mean 'Never mind the rubbish, here's The Sex Pistols"." John Mortimer allowed a silence to develop in the court. "Never mind the priests, here's The Sex Pistols," he mused. That is the many control of the court. That is the meaning of this expression.
Well, I have nothing further to add. It sounds like a strange offe for a record, but

The prosecutor then pressed Professor Kingsley on this point asking him how he could be sure that no clergyman would be



The first Virgin album that really captured people's imagination

could afford to keep such acts as Hatfield

and the North or Dave Bedford that cost

us money to promnte and looked unlikely

ever to break into the big time. We cut back on whatever we could. First we sold

our cars. Then we had to drop a few art-

ists from the record label and make nine

dropped was Dave Bedford, a brilliantly gifted classical composer. Dave reacted

very well to the bad news: he wrote a long

tetter to me saying how much he under-stood the decision, that he appreciated

that his records had not sold, that he

would have done the same if he were in

my shoes, that he bore Virgin no grudges

and wished us all the best for the future.

At the same time he wrote a letter to Mike

Oldfield in which he described me as a

complete shit, an utter hastard and a vile.

tone-deaf money-grabbing parasite on musical talent. Unfurtunately for Dave,

he then put the letters in the wrong

THE SEX PISTOLS were a turning point

for us, the hand we had been looking lor.

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more newspaper cuttings than anything else in 1977, apart from the Silver Jubilee

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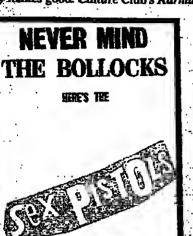
I doubt whether the Church would mind."

Professor Kingsley then played his trump card hy folding down his polones

# face as I ran down the road



Boy makes good: Culture Club's Karma Chameleon hit No 1 in every country that had a chart; inside the Virgin shop





Gunning for Virgin-the offending album that led to a court case. Right, the first Virgin Records store, in Notting Hill







Branson's home and headquarters. The list of instruments that Mike Oldfield, above, requested and which were later used in Tubular Bells

**TOMORROW** 



'If I'm going to stop British Airways, then I'm going to need proof.' How Branson took on Lord King, and the inside story of BA's 'dirty tricks' campaign

as we fanned the flames of Culture Club's

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to reveal a dog collar. Professor Kingsley was also the Rev James Kingsley.

That's enough," snapped the magistrate. He straightened his back, squared

his shoulders and, adopting as much magisterial solemnity as he could muster, an-

The case is dismissed."

IN 1975, I HAD tried but failed to sign the Rolling Stones but I did come across them at the Virgin recording studios. I was there one weekend when they were lounging around the sitting room after an allnight session.

Keith Richards was still in bed with his girlfriend, a Jamaican. There was a crunch of gravel outside and a frenzied knocking at the door. The Stones were all lying around drinking coffee and waking up, so I got up and opened the door. A tall Jamaican in a purple jacket stood

in front of me. Where is she? he demanded, giving the name of the girl who was upstairs

with Keith. I had assumed that the girl was Keith's girlfriend. It was quickly clear that I was wrong. As I hesitated, he pulled out a gun

and pointed it in my face. As I looked speechlessly at the pistol, out of the corner of my eye I noticed two naked figures tiptoeing out of a side door. It was Keith and the girl. They took a quick look at the Jamaican and then

broke into a sprint across the lawn behind him. I admired their speed. Keith's hair flapped up and down his white back as he tore along and hurdled the wooden fence in a great leap. The girl kept up with him, running as if her life depended upon - which perhaps it did. They both

and sped towards the river. The Jamaican realised that my attention had wavered from his gun and spun round to follow my gaze. He saw the two bare bottoms, one black the other white, gave an inarticulate roar of rage and ran to his car. He revved up and tore off down the drive, trying to cut them off. I lost sight of them. I still wonder how they es-

MIKE OLDFIELD had been a lifelong introvert but now he wanted to get married. "How long have you known her?" I

"Three days."

"Don't you have to wait?" "I can't wait," he said. "She won't sleep with me until we're married. It's tomorrow, at Chelsea Register Office."

Having failed to talk him out of h, my wife Joan and I went along to the register office and waited for Mike and his bride. We brought two carved African stools with us as wedding presents. We put them down on the pavement outside and sat on them awaiting Mike's arrival.

Mike and Sarah were married and we gave them the stools. We had dinner together that night, but the evening ended early since Mike was so clearly intent on getting Sarah into bed. The next morning

the phone rang.
"Richard, I want a divorce." It was

"What's wrong?"

"We're not compatible," Mike said, in a voice that brooked no further questions. Mike and Sarah went more or less straight from the register office to the lawyers and he ended up paying her more than £200,000 in alimony. My mind boggles at what went on that night but whatever happened it must go down as one of the most expensive one-night stands in history.

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its came from Boy George.

For the first two years the Culture Club story was the perfect model. The extraordinary thing about the record industry is adrenalin and so I felt perfectly at home

how success can take off without warning. One minute nobody had heard of Boy George: the next every person around the world from Ireland to Korea and Japan to Ghana was humming Karma Chantele-on. Many people find such a vertical run frightening and would be right in think-ing it creates havoe in a company. Happily, I have always thrived on havoc and

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#### tween 1974 and 1976, at least \$3 million. when Mike Oldfield was our And, anyway, Virgin only superstar, I pitched unis just too small." successfully for the Rolling I knew that the Stones. When I called up the only way to get his attention was to con-

uring that rather awkward patch bemanager, Prince Rupert Loewenstein, he was prepared to listen to me. How much are you asking for?" I asked him. You'll never be able to af-

Low today, low tomorrow ford Rupert told me sympathetically. "It'll be

siderably better that "I'll offer you \$4 million." I told him. "As long as there is

some back catalogue Buying the back catalogue would enavailable." able Virgin to release a greatest hits album and would be a good insurance policy if the new

record failed. send you round the list of the back catalogue that's available." Prince Rupert said. If you can bring a bank guarantee for \$4 million to my office by Monday, then 111 look at it



Branson's unsuccessful pitch meant more money for the Stones

very seriously. Best of luck." That was on Friday. Prince Rupert assumed that he had set me an impossible task. That weekend I travelled

around the chain of Virgin distributors we had set up across Enrope in France, Germany, Italy, Holland, Sweden and Norway. As I travelled I was constantly on the telephone to those in the rest of the world. I was looking to raise about £250,000 from

each distributor. By Monday morning I was commitments from the distributors, Coutts promised to

just before II o'clock with a bank guarantee for \$4million. Prince Rupert was dumbfounded. I had caught him completely off guard. He fin-

match the highest bidder," he promised. "But you've started an auction."

million, and signed the Rolling Stones. 1 couldn't raise any more than the \$4 million. Although I was disappointed to have failed, I knew that I had done the Stones a good turn by increasing the asking price from the \$3 million Prince Rupert would

gered the \$4 million cheque but then gave it back. "You'll have a chance to

n the end EMI won the auction, with a bid of \$5

have been happy to accept.

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Amendor of the Standard Life Coup. make up the difference. I drove round to Prince Rupert's house in Petersham





# THE







Show with all the frills: some of the Lady Boys of Bangkok strut their exceedingly simple stuff, but is it Pom, Vut, Nut or Oh? We'll never know

# The sugar and spice boys

ing show has one point of interest: its girls started life as boys. Some of them still are boys but are saving up to become girls, or so I am given to understand. The glossy programme is si-lent on this issue, as upon such others as the identities of the performers. Photos of delicatefeatured, sweetly smiling Thais appear alongside poly-syllabic names but when it comes to finding out who is ac-tually singing I Will Survive, My Way and, inevitably, I Am What I Am, all we are given is nicknames. The Spice Girls number, for instance, is sung by Tud Too. Ploy. Nong. Too Pom. Vut. Nut and Oh.

So here is a company of transsexuals and transvestites who usually perform in a club in Bangkok but are now strutting their simple stuff at a suitably named London venue. Eleven numbers in the first half, another 11 in the second. Each ends with a blackout, a pause ensues, then up go the lights for the next scene,

THEATRE though we must wait for the

costumes to tell us if we are now in Japan (fans), Hawaii (white furry doughnuts perched above their heads). China, Brazil or decadent Berlin. For the finale we get a grand staircase copiously iced with sparkles, and just short of two hours after the opening number we can go home. The music comes with an in-

sistent heavy beat and the words are mirned, which is the style for almost all drag cabaret, though the match of lip to sound is seldom as rudimentary as this. The plump singer identified as June does manage to keep up with the twittering trills of a parody Italian aria, but elsewhere the synching is erratic

this is truly basic. A step this way, a step that, bring the feet

so little interest to be found in watching all this as dance or as mime that we are thrown back on wondering who has had the op and who not i won't deny it: the less they wear the more intriguing (up to a point) this aspect of the show becomes. One or two costumes are too small to have names but what they cover indicates, so to speak, nothing.

When male dancers join the - what does one say? - the others, the contrast between the two sorts of leg is striking. Here is a leopard god in spot-ted underpants, black boos and pheasant feathers, and his thighs ripple with masculine musculature. Around him step slim smooth legs that have no calves at all.

But after a while even this prurient speculation palls. The music bangs along, now timy, now fuzzy; on comes the next group of furs, gowns, leathered headdresses and courteous smiles; the legs move about, frenziedly or not, and then it's the end at last.

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ceived virtues and vices of the Diana. Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, one thing is for sure, his sturdy support of British Youth Opera, of which the Princess was Patron, has this year provided both a healthy number of bursaries for young singers to take part in BYO's intensive summer training programme, and a formidable night's entertainment into the

In Jamie Hayes's new production of La Bohème the bustle of the Latin quarter fills the ed. And the energy of the out-side world spills over into the icy garret as the horseplay of four robustly characterised Bohemians counterpoints vigorously with the deft and sharply detailed orchestral playing drawn from the pit by the conductor Roy Laughlin.

Laughlin is the head of music at the National Opera Studio, and doubtless made his own shrewd nominadons to the cast: Terence den Dulk, a resonant Marcello, has studied there and so has the

# Life in the old gal yet

**OPERA** Queen Elizabeth Hall

evening's Rodolfo, Peter Auty. His tenor is capacious and muscular: like 23-year-old Ee-Ping Lee's Mimi, her soprano rich with dark undertones and fearlessly integrated throughout its range, Auty's performance needs only the refinement of nuance to release the frisson factor.

But it is thrilling to see such a youthful and red-blooded Boheme. Not only does this Mimi clearly have the breath to blow out an entire churchful of car-

dles, and this Rodolfo the ar-

dles, and this Rodolfo the ardour to fight his way back into
her life: the entire Queen Elizabeth Hall comes alive with the
swagger of this production.

Street-sellers throng the
wings of the stage; the excellent children's chorus brightens the rapidly turning kaleidoscope of the Cafe Momus
act; the Bohemians jostle, and
even the band is positioned to even the band is positioned to play high up in the auditori-um, sounding behind and around the audience.

The Café Momus also introduces Natalie Christie's irresistible Musetta. Her voice body like a champagne cork; and the glinting coloratura within is also able to expand into long lines of reflection which, particularly in the last act, still all around her.

Come to this Bohème prepared to be reinvigorated rather than to have the withers wrung, and to wimess superbly coached Puccini being regenerated from the inside. There are further performances tomorrow and on Thursday.

HILARY FINCH



By any standards the Chicago Symphony is a great orchestra. Landmarks in its century-long tradition include the tenures of the legendary Fritz Reiner and that of Georg Solti, who put the orchestra on the international map. Since he became Barenboim has arguably raised the orchestra to even greater heights.

All praise to orchestra and conductor for offering a substantial, half-hour score by Harrison Birtwistle in the first of its pair of Proms, alongside Mahler's Fifth Symphony. This is an orchestra that likes to showcase its talents, revealing individual sonorities as though under a spotlight. The performances of both scores were brilliant in every sense. almost disconcertingly so.

The subtitle of Birtwistle's

Exody, commissioned by the orchestra and given its European premiere, is 23:59:59, a reference to the split second before the new millennium. Notions of time and continuity are central to the conception. as is that of a journey, expressed in the title Exody. The journey traced in the work is analogous to a labyrinth, in which there is no single, obvious direction, but a multiplicity of routes. Birtwistle calls the

process "fractured continuity". In the early stages, a long string line unfolds, like the un-winding of Theseus's thread. but it is disrupted by brass out-bursts and other distractions from generously endowed departments (triple wind, four trumpets, five percussionists).



ing trombones continually stole the limelight in this performance - surely a miscalculation - but the sense of inexorability was impressively maintained. This is a rich score that will reveal more secrets after further hearings.

continuity "Fractured might also describe the Mahlerian process, whereby fleeting impressions are moulded into a coherent structure. Contrary to expectations, Barenboim, whose handling of long-term, organic processes in Wagner and Strauss is second to none, failed to convince in his reading of the Fifth.

The opening funeral march was so glutinous, so lethargic that the cortège appeared to be stuck in the mud. The related music of the second movement sounded similarly leaden. The orchestral playing overall was vibrant, adroitly executed and brightly coloured — indeed. 100 harshly lit for the waltzes in the third movement.

The concentrated string sound of the Adagiento was perfectly realised, the rise and fall of emotion well gauged. More brilliance in the finale, but not even the stirring tuttis could convince me that this was an organically conceived reading.

Each day this week Richard Cork selects outstanding paintings from the forthcoming Royal Academy exhibition

TODAY: The Bridge over the Water-Lily Pond, 1900

A DELECTABLE canvas painted ten years after Monet bought his house at Giverny celebrates the water garden he had constructed there. Inspired by his love of Japanese prints, the curving bridge and lily-strewn pond gave him a ready-made subject. Everything seems to be burgeoning BARRY MILLINGTON | with summer's richness: the

petal-heavy leaves suspended on the water, the fronds erupting frothily on the bank, and the dense, cascading branches of the weeping willow. Mon-et's brushmarks are not yet as headlong as they would be-come in the 1920s. But they are already free enough to catch the overwhelming sensuousness of his private paradise.

 Times readers have exclusive priority booking access to 50,000 tickets for the Royal Academy's Monet in the 20th Century exhibition (Jan 23 to April 19, 1999), sponsored by Ernst & Young. Telephone Firstcall (0870 842 2200, booking fee £1.80 per ticket on first five tickets, £1.40 per ticket thereafter) by September 30



# One revival too many

Coast harmonies with postpunk arritude. The effect was rather like witnessing a reviv-

inevitably, the set's few peaks arrived with such Top

40 singles as Not If You Were

The Last Junkie On Earth. an

infectious satire on the hollow

posturing of heroin chic. and Every Day Should Be A Holi-

day, a rare moment of bouncy

dynamism whose melody cheekily echoes Duran Du-

ran's 1982 hit Rio. Keyboard player Zia McCabe also gave a sweetly unpolished a cappella

A STYLISHLY dishevelled quartet of self-styled bohemians from Portland, Oregon, the Dandy Warhols sound like a walking compendium of Sixties rock influences. Fronted by their louche guitarist and chief songwriter Courtney Taylor, their largest London show to date on Friday night was warmly received but not exactly awash with originality.

Taylor's voice is lusty but lacking in character, just as his songs are energetic but rarely inspired. Punctuating the set with cryptic hippyish proclamations, the willowy singer proved avuncular and droll, but his music exuded considerably less charm. It became clear very quickly that the Dandy Warhols have a severely limited stylistic repertoire, alternating between pseudo-mystical drones and

bubblegum pop ditties. Much of the set consisted of interchangeably generic num-bers which clothed rudimentary Strites-tinged melodies in lightly psychedelic trimmings, complemented by a filmed backdrop of throbbingly ab- reading of the vintage Velvet

Underground ballad After Hours, before being rejoined by the rest of the band for a The Dassoy Warnole Empire, W12 raucous encore of the Rolling tones hit The Last Time.

Tellingly, this is probably where the band's true calling lies — as a competent Sixties cover band. And as long as they remain so uncrideally in stract visuals. But the mood was less like 1967 San Francis-co than an early Eighties show thrall to pop's lost golden age, the Dandy Warhols will never by such "Paisley Underground" luminaries as Green offer more than marginal curi-On Red or Dream Syndicate, middling American bands who combined classic West

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# Festival salutes a father-figure

here were enough themes at this year's Edinburgh Festival to give even the most avid culture vulture indiges-tion, but that is what festivals are for. The final days saw a celebration of Smetana's music - two concerts by the Czech Philharmonic, a study day, chamber music, plus Scottish Opera's fine new produc-tion of Dalibor and an outstanding concert performance

Smetana is seen as the father-figure of Czech music. though he had predecessors and successors in plenty. But he was central to the nationalist movement of his time, and to the building of the National Theatre in Prague, that great symbol of independence. Dalibor is still regarded as the Great Czech Opera, and Libuse opened the National Theatre not once, but twice.

We keep quiet about the fact that Smetana's command of the Czech language was incomplete, and that the librettos of both operas were originally written in German. And they are not awfully good. We are never quite told why the knight Dalibor is in a state of revolt, and in 19th-century terms he is the unlikeliest hero imaginable, motivated by love for his murdered boyfriend, the violinist Zdenek: the heroine Milada gets to know him better by dressing up as a boy, Fidelio-style, to gain access to his prison cell, and while this adds a patina of respectability. it is Zdenek's music that continues to dominate. The ending is a complete mess; David Pountney more or less devised his own for Scottish Opera, end-



**EDINBURGH 98** 

**OPERA** Dalibor/Libuse

Festival Theatre

trois blessed by solo violin car-

olling away. Rum stuff.

Libuse is almost as rum. She was a sort of female Moses figure for the Czech nation. and bossy with it. Having failed to adjudicate between two warring brothers — inheritance and a soprano are the bones of contention - she decides to take a husband, the

farmer Premsyl, to bolster her authority. And that's it, for three hours, save for her final, rather selective vision of future glories of the Czech nation, tactfully omitting any mention of the Battle of the White Mountain (1620), which tied up so neatly with the festival exhibition devoted to Elizabeth, temporary Queen of Bohemia and sister of Charles 1. Themes, themes. Both these operas break every known rule of composition

for the stage, and both are quite wonderful, inspiring, refreshing, deeply stirring. Some contemporaries thought Dalibor Wagnerian, which it isn't, though Libuse does sound as though Smetana had conducted Lohengrin rather ing with a celestial menage à too often for his own good.

Haydn is a likelier role model: like him, Smetana can make a single musical idea go an awfully long way. More or less everything in Dalibor stems from the great rolling tune that heralds the hero's entrance, and there are two basic themes in the Libuse overture that, symphonically transformed, permeate most of what follows. From them flows a wealth of unconstrained melody, adventurously orchestrated, with hit num-bers like Dalibor's love song and Premsyl's aria in praise of lime trees as lovely as any-

thing in 19th-century opera. The performances were out-standing. Richard Armstrong and the Scottish Opera Orches-tra and Chorus showed complete command of Smetana's rogue idiom, and Pountney's fluid staging minimised the works's clumsinesses in Ralph Koltai's spectacular designs. Leo Marian Vodicka sang the title role as only a Czech can, and Kathleen Broderick's Milada-Fidelio was spirited and secure. Vivian Tierney was tested by the Marzelline-figure, Jitka, a Helden-soubrette role if ever there was one.

The all-Czech cast for Libuse was led by Eva Urbanova, a thrilling heroic soprano making her operatic debut here. The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra sounded as though they had been playing this music all their lives, and Oliver von Dohnanyi led a most cogently paced, appropriately epic performance. The final visions, with the famous Hussite hymn hammering away, roused the Edinburgh audience to a frenzy of huzzah-ing.

RODNEY MILNES



Kathleen Broderick (Milada) with Leo Marian Vodicka (Dalibor) in David Pountney's staging of Smetana's opera

# Watching big brother

ne thing missing from this year's Edinburgh International Festival. has been maverick spirits. Only Ivo van Hove's two productions have come close. Anyone expecting Caligula to repeat the stylistic stamp he put .
on O'Neill's More Stately Mansions, though, is in for a shock. For not only has van while Caligula is absent withshock. For not only has van While Caligula is absent with Hove opted for an earlier, out leave, mourning the death more timeless, and far superist of the sister he loved in a very unbrotherly way. On returning he retreats into depravity but he has managed formalle in the retreats into depravity on tally relevant to the loveless. Fand brings death and pestically of the cerebray entity were leave to his kingdom while he



ators, listlessly pacing the floor of some vast bunker.

end of the century entirel we're selence to his kingdom while he locked in without changing a Minnself lives in and for the moword.

Ment It is almost as if he is it. But when van Watermeulen turns to the camera and raises or's men, spin-doctors and sen turns to overthrow him and put his hand in a gesture we see 9

Steven van Watermeulen's Caligula talks to the camera

while he sullies what was once the purest of loves, every desperate act is a yearning for that purity to return. Camus' text is both a thrill-

him out of his misery. Yet,

ing tragedy and a near-perfect primer in existential philosophy. But, by having a live camera follow Steven van Watermeulen's brilliantly sustained Caligula, relaying close-ups on video monitors, you never once lose sight of the emper-or's public apparel. There are times when you just wish van Hove would go off and make the movie and have done with as if a million paparazzi were plaguing him.

If the production had played in a more intimate space than the Playhouse's cavernous expanse, the high-tech jiggerypokery wouldn't have been necessary. Nor, perhaps, would the inexplicable series of audience walkouts. Are we really unable to embrace something so daring and so profound because its approach is unfamiliar? Or is it because we're too afraid to think? Most British theatre lacks daring. adventure and style. If van Hove cannot be bothered to return, that would be a crime.

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# Cut the chatter

CONCERT

sen, was not inclined to tell him - that, with an audience assembled to hear Beethoven's music and an orchestra there to play it, there was no point in talking over it or otherwise interrupting it.

The one short of item of melodrama, designed specifically to accompany a few words from Egmont as he falls asleep in his cell in the last act, was effectively done. So were the two delightful little songs written for Egmont's beloved Clärchen and phie Daneman. Best of all was Swensen's dramatically charged and tightly articulated interpretation of the Overture.

One of the problems with the rest of the SCO's ill-conceived Beethoven concert was that there was nothing else for the conductor to project himself into with the same recklessly wholehearted commit-ment as he brought to the Overture. The Choral Fantasia, Op 80 — thoughtfully introduced by Steven Osborne at the piano and attractively sung by the Edinburgh Festival Chorus — is not that kind of work. The Triple Concerto, Op 56, might have been that kind of work if the orchestra had been partnered by soloists of a stature appropriate to a space like the Usher Hall. The Florestan Trio is a promising young ensemble but it was seriously out

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But, before he came to sit at his desk in front of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra

on the platform of the Usher Hall, he

might usefully have applied some of those

directorial resources to his own perform-

ance. Starting with the disadvantage of a

not very clear English accent, he would

have been well advised not to race through chunks of Goethe's dialogue but

simply to describe the situation in which

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# How to save the monarchy

The public must vote on the

head of state, says Tim Hames

he debate over the fu-ture of the Crown has hardly even started. This may come as a surprise, even an unpleasant shock, to those who thought that Buckingham Palace had succeeded in pacifying popular calls for change with its new, slick, emphasis on presentation.

In a report Modernising the Monarchy, written by Mark Leonard and myself and published by Demos, we outline a blueprint for a new, more relevant, monarchy that can not only stagger into the next century but will become stronger. Ours are only suggestions and we hope many others will make contributions.

There is no single right route to reform, but we believe there are certain basic principles essential for the new monarchy. These are that the current, outdated and cumbersome political functions of the Crown need to be abandoned; that the Royal Household

needs to be abolished and replaced with a meritocrat-The age of ic, open and professional alternative; automatic that the obscure financial arrangedeference ments surrounding monarchy has long should be more accountable; that the archaic link between Crown and destroyed

Church of England

does not suit contemporary Britain; and that the monarchy should embrace a more diverse and

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dynamic symbolic role. The seeds of change were sown some time ago. The age of automatic deference was, rightly, destroyed by the social measures pursued by the Left in the 1960s and then the economic agenda pioneered by the Right in the 1980s.

In our time, the idea that the monarchy has a right to exist simply because it always has, or because Parliament deems it convenient, is little short of farcical. The court that matters today is that of public opinion. The Bridsh people want neither an unreconstructed monarchy nor an outright republic. For too long ultra-traditionalists and ultra-radicals have conspired to make these the only options. We hope our document will show that there is a middle course.

The new monarchy would recognise the supremacy of public opinion. The vehicle for that would be an affirmative referendum held shortly after. and to confirm or not, a succession. The monarchy would withdraw from its current complicated political role that, as Peter Riddell noted on these oages last week, may become ever more controversial because of other constitutional changes that the Blair Government has introduced.

Only the policial role of the monarchy justifies the existence of the Royal Household, staffed on a narrow basis that would never be tolerated in the Civil Service or a successful business, and permits the continuing secrecy that surrounds Royal finances. The Royal Household, as constructed, is the single largest threat to the monarchy's future. It is seen by most people as a sort of welfare state for the minor aristoc-

In its place would come an of the Monarchy. staffed by high-flying civil serv-ants and some specialist personal appointments. It would receive additional ideas from an advisory council drawn from all walks of life. Financial and other administrative matters would fall under the scrutiny of a House of Commons select committee. The deliberately remote Crown of the past would be no more.

The other formal area that cannot be avoided is the connection between the Crown and the Church of England. We believe that the monarchy cannot fully represent the whole population while it re-tains this exclusive relationship with a state church. It does not suit a largely secular society in which those who do practise religion are as likely to be Roman Catholic, Methodist or Muslim as Anglican.

The Prince of Wales recognised this in his "defender of faiths" re-It also cannot

make for coherent theology for the Church of Eng-land, which would probably benefit from full independence. The Lord may move in mysterious ways but the present settlement is incomprehensible.

The monarchy would then be free to expand upon what, at its best, it does best - symbolic, predominantly philanthropic, activity at home and abroad. We believe that a special emphasis could now be placed on education. There could be Queen's Awards for both the most successful and the most improving students. teachers, headmasters and schools. There could be an attempt at the proactive - adoptpreviously troubled schools at an early stage of their transformation and directing energy, time and re-

sources towards supporting

their efforts to improve. In our

pamphlet we offer other examples of "active symbolism". t will be said, correctly. that some of this is being done already. The Prince of Wales has made an admirable difference through his Prince's Trust. On the old rules, unfortunately, these innovations will be squeezed out, not deepened, when he becomes King, to make room for the formal, political, functions. We believe this is precisely the wrong sense of priorities. The antique formal functions should be squeezed out in fa-

A modernised monarchy has a bountiful part to play in modern Britain and can reinvent itself in so doing. It remains to be seen whether the so-called monarchists will let

vour of an ever more ambi-

tious and imaginative symbol-

Modernising the Monarchy, by Tim Homes and Mark Leonord, is available from Demos from today, price £4.95.

# From Little Rock to the Oval Office, Clinton trails a stench of depravity and corruption

charismatic sociopath the lead-er of one's party, or the Presi-dent of one's country. When the Democratic Senator Bob

Kerrey says that President Clinton's conduct is "immoral", he is entitled to say that. He lost a leg in Vietnam when Bill Clinton was dodging the draft in Oxford; he ran against Clinton for the nomination in 1992 and in 1996 observed that Clinton was "an

unusually good liar": When Senator Joseph Lieberman says that the President has "comprornised his moral authority", he should add an apology of his own. Senator Lieberman should say "sorry" to the American people for help-ing to persuade them to elect and re-elect a morally defective President. The psychological truth about Bill

Clinton is relatively simple. He is not wholly a madman; he does not hate his fellow human beings, as Hitler did, nor does he wish them ill; he is obsessed with power and with wom-en; he is a brilliant emotional campaigner, but there is a piece missing. He has no moral compass; he does not know right from wrong. This was always apparent in the way he acted as Governor of Arkansas, but the Democrats, the American press and. worst of all, the American public, chose to overlook that. It was equally apparent in his behaviour to hundreds of women. He had a standard operating technique, and had a staff to handle it. The women were called "bimbo eruptions": the technique was called "rub-a-dub".

The "rub-a-dub" involved telling the women to lie about the affair: if there was still a risk that she would talk, she was offered the choice between a good job, if necessary on the federal payroll, or having her character blackened. Sometimes this was accompanied by physical threats, given

On every count, a moral bankrupt

at second-hand; one woman has testified that an emissary of the Demo-crats threatened to break her pretty legs". The Arkansas police say that they had to cover assignations with more than 100 women. Apparently President Clinton told Monica Lewinsky that he bad connected with "some hundreds" of other women since he was first married. It is addictive conduct: it is also a destructive abuse of

Yet this is the less important part of the President's moral blindness. In the Arkansas years, he helped in the cover-up of the mass importation of cocaine into Mena airport, of which there is evidence that he had knowledge. He set up the \$700 million Arkansas Development Finance Agency (ADFA), which made crony loans in return for kickbacks to the Governor's political funds. The ADFA records have disappeared. His wife had corrupt partners in the Rose Law Firm whose records were shredded shortly after the death of Vince Fos-ter, the former White House counsel.

Clinton was the associate of Arkansas criminals, including his bonddealing friend Dan Lasater, convicted for a cocaine felony and pardoned by Clinton. Lasater's executive partner. Patsy Thomasson, is still in the White House, and was one of those who went into Foster's office to clear

up after his death. Clinton failed to seek proper investigation of the suspicious deaths connected to these scandals. The numbers are high: four Clinton associates died in doubtful circumstances; eight people investigating allegations also died; nine witnesses died. Of these 21 deaths eight were found to be sui-cides, including those of Vince Foster himself, of Kathy Ferguson, the former wife of the trooper who alleg-edly solicited Paula Jones, and of Ed-Willey, the former manager of Clinton's campaign finance committee.

William Rees-Mogg

Five of the suspicious deaths oc-

curred in plane crashes.

The pattern of abuse of public office continued in the White House, in raising funds for campaign finance. in the transfer of FBI files on political opponents, in the false prosecution of the White House travel staff. Some of the deaths occurred after Clinton became President. Jerry Parks, a pri-vate detective in Little Rock, was shot two months after Vince Foster's death. He had compiled a dossier on Clinton's sexual conduct, apparently at Foster's request. When Foster's

Parks turned to his wife and said: I'm a dead man."

Mrs Parks alleges that the Clinton dossier was stolen shortly before her husband's murder and that she had been unable to secure a satisfactory Arkansas police investigation. Arkansas politics have long been a violent and corrupt affair, and neither as Governor nor as President did Bill

Clinton help to reform it.

The Republicans, Kenneth Starr and now the Democrats have concern. trated on the sexual scandals. There are a number of reasons for this. The corrupt maiadministration and fundraising are very difficult to prove. Heaven knows who did the Arkansas murders, or how many of the suspi-cious deaths were murders. They belong to the hinterland of corrupt Arkansas politics in which Bill Clinton operated. The American people do not want to recognise that their President is not only a sex addict but a deeply corrupt politician.

Yet this is far more than a sex scandal. Democratic congressmen run-ning in the mid-term elections are distancing themselves from him and after the elections he will no longer have much power to reward or punish. The loaves and fishes will be provided, if at all, by the publishers. Monica Lewinsky's book is being of-

fered for \$10 million. After Watergate many of the partici-

pants, some of whom had gone to prison, wrote their accounts of the Nixon White House. What will Parsy Thomasson's memoirs be worth? She knows what went on between Dan-La-sater and Clinton in the old days; she knows what she found in Vince Fos-ter's office; she knows the reality of Bill and Hillary's relationship.

The next two years will see more and more of the truth coming out. Some of it may even exonerate Clinton from particular allegations. Un-fortunately, much of it will be like the evidence of Monica Lewinsky or Gennifer Flowers, at first denied and then proved to be true. Once Clinton admitted that he had lied about Lewinsky, all the other lies he has told have ceased to work.

linton's position is therefore likely to get worse and worse, as the Starr report is published, as the evidence continues to flood out, and his party rejects him. The American people will begin to understand how defective he always was, how willing to abuse his power.

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On The Frost Programme yester-day Chris Patten said he thought the best thing to happen would be for the American people to turn over the Clin-ton leaf and let him finish his term of office. If it were all only about Moni-ca Lewinsky that might be possible. but there are too many other scandals. Miss Lewinsky was the norm, not the exception. There cannot be a clear-cut resolution of the Clinton scandals so long as he remains in the White House.

The authority of the President of the United States depends on public confidence in his moral character, Clinton now has no more moral authority in politics than Robert Maxwell, another charismatic sociopath,

# Is our end really nigh?

Labour's

economic strategy faces its toughest

test, says

Peter Riddell

he hardest test for any gov-ernment is to do nothing when the news is bad. A media and presentation-ob-sessed administration such as the present one is particularly vulnerable to siren voices urging that "some-thing must be done". Often, a hurriedly cobbled together something is worse than doing nothing. The Blair Government faces this predicament now over the Russian crisis, upheavals in global markets and a series of big redundancies at home.

Gordon Brown has said very little in public since returning from holiday in late August — a silence that is as significant as his usual loquaciousness. The Treasury view is that saying too much can damage rather than assist confidence. But a lot is going on in private, both internally and in consultations among Group of Seven governments. New assessments are being prepared, but there are no firm conclusions, since no one knows how bad things could get. However, as one senior official put it. Whitehall as a whole has not really woken up to how far the world has changed.

Tony Blair and President Clinton have repeated familiar phrases about continuing with necessary reforms in Russia, but this is to bridge the gap until it is clearer what form of government emerges and what political support it has. There will have to be some idea of what minimum conditions are feasible before Western governments even consider support for stabilisation programmes and longer-term structural reforms.

The main importance of Russia is political, given its still vast nuclear arsenal, rather than economic, since it remains a minor player in the global economy. More worrying in the eyes



of the Treasury are the Far East (the policy paralysis in Japan and fears over Hong Kong and China) and last week's shockwaves through Latin American markets. Troubles in the latter could hit American exports and banks badly, directly affecting the United States's economy, and hence the rest of us.

The Chancellor's advisers accept that the risks for the Briosh economy have increased and that conditions could get much worse in the next few weeks. But they still believe that a UK recession is not inevitable. They argue that our economy is in a healthy condition to withstand such external shocks. Moreover, slowdowns have usually turned into lengthy recessions only because of policy errors — most spectacularly in the 1930s, but also in October 1987. Central banks

#### RIDDELL ON MONDAY

then responded to a temporary turnble in share prices by cutting interest rates, which aggravated existing inflationary pressures.

The Brown camp argues that the right policy decisions have already been taken. Unlike the late 1980s, the economy is starting to slow after the monetary squeeze applied by the Bank of England, while the public finances are in good shape. So even if the economy slows more sharply than expected, there is no need to do anything dramatic now. That is still the consensus view, but there are now more risks on the downside.

The Chancellor is already facing calls to relax policy. TUC leaders will meet the Prime Minister later today

to urge a broadening in the terms of reference of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee from fo-cusing just on inflation to consider also growth and unemployment. Such calls will be rejected, since they would undermine the Bank's anti-inflation credentials and guarantee muddle in policymaking.

Many in industry and the unions want an immediate cut in interest rates to relieve pressure on the pound and on exporters. However, the latest closures of the Pujitsu plant in Mr Blair's constituency in the North East, and the Siemens one in the nearby constituency of Stephen Byers, the Chief Secretary, are little to do with the strong pound but are directly the result of the collapse in the world semiconductor market caused by the or increase public spending. A sizea-ble relaxation is already planned over the next three years, particularly in public investment, which will start to work through from next spring. Even though Mr Brown always talks about the importance of the long-term and avoiding short-term fine tuning, such an increase will operate in a classically Keynesian counter-cy-clical way to offset the slowdown elsewhere in the economy. Indeed, there are worries that Mr Brown has taken too many risks with spending, and borrowing: Francis Maude, the Shadow Chancellor, argued last week that the Government's spending plans were atways based on "hopelessly over-optimistic" economic assumptions but "have now been blown out of the water". The Brown camp built in, but that could quickly disap-

Nor does it make sense to cut taxes.

pear in a recession. The Government hopes that the impact of redundancies can be softened by various micro measures to encourage further investment (such as those announced for the North East by Peter Mandelson on Friday) and by the already-funded New Deal programme to assist the unemployed back into work.

The most serious challenge for the Blair-Brown strategy may be ideological. A central plank of new Labour is support for globalisation: free trade and investment flows and a limited role for government in providing stable fiscal and monetary conditions. That is under challenge from maver-icks such as Mahathir Mohamad of Malaysia, with his attacks on the free-market system, while the likely jump in cheap Asian exports into the United States may strengthen demands for protectionist measures. Moreover, implicit in the latest protests by union leaders and Labour MPs is that free markets have failed and that the Government should intervene to safeguard the British economy from these global storms. Such calls are likely to grow and resisting them will test the political will of the Prime Minister and Chancellor, and the more fair-weather of new Blairite MPs. This may become the old/new Labour faultline of the next two

# Claws are out

WAYNE SLEEP has failed to display the dexterity of Mr Mistoffelees. The dancer (pictured left) had hoped to wangle a part in Trevor Nunn's home entertainment video of Cats after his success in the original stage producdon in which he played T.S. Eliot's magical moggy. But when he was informed by the artistic director of the Royal National Theatre (right) that he would have to audition like everyone else, Sleep refused: "They wanted to see if I could still dance. It was an outrage." The 1981 West End production

of Cats, directed by Nunn, launched Sleep's career. The Times review wrote of "isolated moments of bravura direction, such as Wayne Sleep's balletic irruption as

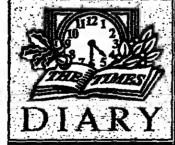
Four years later, he was dancing with Diana, Princess of Wales, at the Royal Opera House. Sleep celebrated his 50th birthday earlier this year with a show in London to raise money for his Sleep Dance Scholarship, where he performed a sprightly tribute to the late Princess. Either Nunn and his colleagues remained unimpressed with the dancer's display of agility, or they remembered his performances behind the scenes first time round.

During the show's first long run, wardrobe managers would complain to Nunn of Sleep's backstage tantrums. Whatever the reason for the dancer being passed over, he has not taken the snub well. When



long ago, Nunn purred: "I simply must tell you the saga of my new Cats video." Sleep snapped back: "I just don't care about the saga of your new video." Perhaps the dancer should have offered to play Old Deuteronomy, the cat who is getting somewhat whiskery.

GALLAGHER has bought the ultimate in council estate chic. He is now the proud they knocked into each other not so owner of an Anatolion karabash, a



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Last laugh

MARK THOMAS, who has done awfully well in the past year out of disparaging Tony Blair and his friends, has accepted a position with the Government. The alternaove comedian is advising Gordon Brown about reforming tax to ensure that wealthy types cannot wrig-gle out of paying their dues.

Thomas was invited after his televisual exposes of the likes of Nicholas Soames, whom he showed avoided paying inheritance tax on family heiriooms by listing them as available to public inspection when they were not. The programme was quoted approvingly in Parliament. 'I have been asked to draw up draft

guidelines and I am currently talking to the Inland Revenue," he says. But will Thomas be so keen on defeating tax avoidance when he himself joins the ranks of millionaire comedians such as Ben Elton?

 THE cost of indulging o basic instinct. A journalist at the Venice Film Festival asked Michael Douglas: "How do you invest your mountoin of money?" The actor, who once admitted he was addicted to sex. responded: "It's become very small since I divorced."

Remaindered IRVINE WELSH is among those believed to have failed to make the



long list of 20 titles for this year's Booker Prize for Fiction. Joining the author of Trainspotting on the reject pile are David Caute, Les Murray and Alan Warner.

Newer names who are thought still to have a chance of making the shortlist include Sebasoan Barry. Derek Beavan and Shani Mootoo. Beryl Bainbridge, for Master Georgie is, as ever, a strong contender and opped for great things. Literary types will have to wait for just over a fortnight to find out who has made the grade.

 My congratulations to Sophie Rhys-Jones (pictured left). Prince Edward's ormrest hos passed her motorcycle driving test. Whether he will ride pillion has yet to be seen.

Lèse-majesté
GLENDA JACKSON is a fan of Dick Francis. Although they have yet to meet, the Transport Minister employed an emissary to obtain a signed copy of the writer's latest tales from the racctrack when he was holding court at the Ritz the other day. 'She has got all his books," her sidekick tells me. Francis, who counts John Major and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother among his most loyal readers, appeared at first to be equally gushing, praising Jackson's perform-



EVEN as he struggled to survive, money remained important to the phoographer accompanying Sir Ernest Shackleton to Antarctica in 1914-16. Frank Hurley was among 27 adventurers who were trapped in ice on the Endurance before their long trek to safety. Unable to carry heavy metal plates, he smashed 400 of them to ensure that the surviving 150 photographs, to be published by Bloomsbury in November, were more valuable.

ance as Elizabeth I. Until, that is, I glimpsed his flourish in the book for the woman who has given up the stage for Parliament: "Hope to

see you on the screen again soon." ● IN THE run-up to the lounch of Sir Edward Heath's memoirs, the publishers hove olready upset the former Prime Minister. Behind his

middle of the Tory party conference

in Bournemouth next month. Once

Sir Edward found out, he insisted

back, Hodder & Stoughton brought forward the book's launch by 0 week so that it landed in the

on the original dote. I olways knew he was a good sort.

Bristol fashion

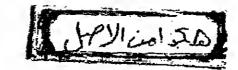
THE good burghers of Bristol are a rum lot. Later this week, The Mat-thew, a replica of John Cabor's 15thcentury vessel, is due in the city after seafaring adventures. But an official has threatened to arrest the crew on their triumphal arrival for non-payment of council tax.

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# THE WAR OF JENKINS' EAR

A guide through the minefield of electoral reform

More than 20 years after leaving his last Cabinet, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead will be at the centre of British politics in the next few months. He may find this prospect agreeable, but others await the outcome of his commission on electoral reform with foreboding. It will haunt the party conference season and the next session of Parliament. William Hague launches the Conservative campaign against change this week. The Labour Party is badly divided. Robin Cook supports PR. John Prescott and Jack Straw are trenchant opponents. Gordon Brown is thought to lean against. Tony Blair has said that he is "not persuaded" (yet) but is committed to a referendum on the issue in this Parliament. Even Paddy Ashdown is nervous, for fear that the Jenkins proposals will stop short of a fully proportional system.

Irrespective of the final recommendation

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- which is expected in October - Britain is in for an orgy of electoral experiment. Elections to the Scottish parliament in May will be held under a German-style Alternative Member System (AMS). This means that some members will be elected by constituencies and the rest from party lists. The effect will be to produce a parliament that broadly matches the percentages of the vote achieved by each party. That will make coalitions

rather than one-party government the norm.

The Welsh assembly, on the other hand, will be elected using a slightly different version of AMS that makes it more probable that one party can command a majority. In Northern Ireland, however, the new Assembly has already been chosen under the Single Transferable Vote (STV) method. This involves very large constituencies that select several members each. The result has been a deliberate (broadly proportional) balance between Unionists and nationalists.

These arrangements are straightforward compared with those destined for the capital. Londoners will pick their new mayor via the Supplementary Vote (SV). In this system, voters indicate a first and second preference among candidates. If none wins an overall majority, the top two contenders stay in the contest. All other candidates are eliminated, with the second preferences of their voters redistributed to one of the remaining two favourites. SV is a variant of the Alternative Vote (AV) technique — used only in Australia and Malta - which allows for several preferences to be expressed and disposes of candidates one by one until somebody achieves a majority. The new London assembly will emerge from yet another version of the Alternative Member System.

England should not feel left out. The European elections next summer will involve vast regions with numerous MEPs. In every region the ballot papers will baldly list political parties: it will be impossible to vote for individual candidates or opt for a mixture of parties. The net effect of all this innovation is that residents of, for example, Islington will, in the course of at most three years, vote in four different elections - the European Parliament, a London mayor, the London assembly, the House of Commons - by four different methods. This will be confusing. There is a risk that turn-out — which in 1997 under a familiar system was the lowest since 1945 — will fall even further. The old protest slogan "Don't vote, it only encourages them" could be displaced

by "Don't vote, you may need a doctorate". Although the Government has been excessively radical, appropriate electoral systems may vary depending on the institution. But some guiding principles are needed in this maze. The House of Commons clearly needs to retain small single-member constituencies that allow for close personal representation by MPs. Any method that included party lists - hand-picked hacks from the various central offices - would be alien and undemocratic. No electoral method should be selected that is knowingly biased against one of the major parties. Furthermore, it should not be possible for small parties to hold the political process to ransom.

On the basis of these criteria the Jenkins Commission should be considering the current system, the Alternative or Supplementary Vote, or the two-ballot method pioneered in France and now widely used elsewhere. This last option means that. unless one candidate secures an outright majority, a second round is held in all constituencies with only the most popular two contenders from the first ballot left standing. For some inexplicable reason this formula seems to have been totally ignored during the debate so far.

That leaves a choice between the status quo and the Alternative/Supplementary Vote. The AV/SV idea is superficially attractive but comes with serious disadvantages. In order to win, candidates would need to court the support of voters whose first choice was for small parties - including those of an extremist nature. The coming Australian election may hinge on the second preferences of those who first back the racist One Nation party. This would better be described as disproportionate representation.

In this country, AV/SV would be, to put it bluntly, biased against the Conservative Party. There are, and have been for years, many more Conservative-Lib Dem marginal seats, where Labour voters could exercise a decisive say, than Labour-Lib Dem marginal seats where Tories would be in the same position. The impact of AV/SV in the average election would be to reduce Tory representation, increase Lib Dem numbers and leave Labour largely unaffected. This is why, unsurprisingly, many in the Labour Party find AV/SV extremely attractive. It would be a shocking abuse of power - without precedent in British history - for the Government to introduce an electoral system for its own partisan advantage. It would be the moral equivalent of ballot-rigging.

The closer the scrutiny given to the alternatives, the stronger becomes the commonsense case for keeping the present system for electing the House of Commons. Any AV/SV method, above all one with some party-list "top-up", would simply substitute a known set of imperfections with even worse faults. Lord Jenkins will want change. The Prime Minister should be more wary.

#### LOOK AT THE GIRLS

Time to investigate the secrets of examination success

If there are still glass ceilings in some offices, they are likely to shatter at the collective impact of the confident, well-qualified generation of girls now emerging from the nation's schools. This year's GCSE results, even more compellingly than the A-level league tables, confirm a seemingly unstoppable trend; over the past decade, the numbers of girls who, from the age of seven, are outclassing boys in tests and examinations have been steadily growing. This development appears to be peculiarly British, rather than common to all broadly equivaleot countries. Educationists claim to be baffled; but a Government out to raise overall educational standards should not rest until it has identified the reasons.

Some may be sociological, some educational. There are signs that because girls see the jobs market to be as open to them as to boys, they are working harder and tackling subjects, such as sciences, that they used to be less confident about. Teachers find that girls have taken particularly well to the inclusion of assessed work. And best practice" plays a part; schools that do well place great onus on teachers to detect dips in pupils' performance and take action, often in liaison with parents, instead of blankly blaming academic failure on the child

But most striking is the performance of single-sex schools. These are commoner here than in continental Europe, which may help to explain why the trend is less marked there. Boys as well as girls appear to profit. although the disruptions of mixed classes tell harder on girls. Not only has St Paul's Girls School topped the GCSE league for the third year in a row, a remarkable tribute to its just retired High Mistress; Janet Gough; nine of the top ten are girls' schools, a pattern of our GCSE tables since 1994; no mixed school is in the top 20.

In both independent and public schools, success breeds success: exam results in all top schools tend to improve much faster than the average. This is most marked in selective schools; but selection cannot be the only reason why certain schools do so well year after year. As well as sending "hit squads" to failing schools, the Government could usefully dispatch special teams to the star performers. There must be lessons there that could sensibly be adopted countrywide.

## WISDOM IN TREES

China sets a good environmental precedent for Asia

Taoist philosophy required that man should live in harmony with his world. Yet China has often subscribed to less benevolent values. Of late the Communist slogan "Conquer Nature" has held sway. Deforestation, wetland drainage and pell-mell urban development have slashed a pathway for a peasant economy towards high productivity. But this has also contributed to environmental catastrophe. The floods that swept death, disease and disruption across China this summer were made worse by the logging which has denuded the upper reaches of the Yangtze River of the tree roots which would once have retained the monsoons. Water runs off, eroding earth, swelling silted rivers. The thousand lakes of Hubei province, which would have absorbed the swells,

have been drained for farmland. The Chinese Government should be congratulated for its decision to redress the platen for its

disaster it formerly induced. Calling an abrupt halt to the logging industry, it has ordered more than a million lumberjacks to lay down their axes and turn tree-planters instead; 4.6 million hectares of forest are to be protected from the chainsaw. At least 65 timber mills will be closed and \$73 million has been pledged for reforestation. This sets an admirable Asian precedent.

It would be heartening if President Jiang Zemin would also reconsider the Three Gorges Dam being built in Hubel province. The adverse environmental impact of this vast hydroelectric project looks set to outweigh the economic gains. By tradition the Chinese believe that a flood heralds the end of a dynasty. Still today, floods are an awkward test for a leader. A President whose name can be taken to mean "the river soaks people" would be wise to consider every possible method of turning the tide.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### 'Death knell' for life on ocean wave

From the General Secretory of the Notional Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers

Sir. Your article about the imminent demise of British Merchant Navy ratings (The death knell sounds for a life on the ocean wave", Business. August 31) gave some much-needed exposure to the appalling state of our

shipping industry.
Two decades of decline has meant that an island nation will be almost wholly dependent upon other countries for the provision of its shipping services.

At a time when world seaborne trade is rising year on year to record levels and when international orders for new ships are at their highest in almost 25 years, it should be of the most profound concern that the British merchant fleet has continued to decline and now stands at its lowest level this century. The lessons of his-tory show that shipping is essential to our nation's wellbeing, both in stra-tegic and commercial terms. We ignore those lessons at our peril.

The industry eagerly awais the outcome of the joint industry government working party on maritime policy. The next few months will be crucial to the very survival of the British Merchant Navy and our mantime skills base.

Yours faithfully. BRIAN ORRELL, General Secretary, Numast, Oceanair House, 750-760 High Road. Leytonstone, London Ell 3BB. September 1.

#### NHS waiting list

From Mr Nigel H. Horris, FRCS

Sir, In the light of the announcement that the NHS waiting list for treat-ment has fallen by over 45,000 in the last three months (report, August 27), it might be expected that those remaining on the list will have a shorter waiting time; but that is not inevitable.

Patients are not concerned by the numbers on a waiting list; what matters to them is the waiting time, and no information on this score has so far been provided. Yes it is this factor which can make all the difference between cure and palliation.

A six months' wait to be told a diagnosis is common (12-18 months in some specialities. The anxiety caused by that wait may lead to a curable condition becoming untreatable after which a wait to come into hospital is irrelevant. Some patients die while waiting for an opinion about their cardiac condition, and pacents with less serious conditions, such as back pain, may be off work for months while waiting for advice and

It is high time that waiting times to see a specialist were published on a regular basis. Meanwhile, it is astonishing to be told, as I have been, that the Government is aiming at 26 weeks. This is not nearly low enough.

Yours faithfully. N. H. HARRIS. 72 Harley Street, WIN IAE. September 1.

#### From Dr S. Mahendran

Sir. You report that hospital waiting lists have been reduced "as expensive government initiatives begin to bear fruit". Health authorities were given the aim of reducing the patient list sizes. This meant that simple and quick operations were targeted, at the

expense of more difficult ones.

I believe that doctors and nurses would have been very willing to work with managers to maximise the value of the extra money made available by the Secretary of State - for the benefit of all padents, not just those whose operadons were short.

The time given for planning was ridiculously brief, doubtless so that action could be seen to be being done. It is a shame that so much emphasis has to be placed upon the appearance of change and to satisfy short-term

political expediency.

I hope that, in the future, the rules surrounding how extra money is spent will focus not just on getting "numbers off lists", but on fairer selection criteria.

Yours faithfully, S. MAHENDRAN, The Shrewsbury Centre: Shrewsbury Road, Forest Gate, E7 8QP.

#### Terrorism Bill

From Mrs Rosemary Bowl

Sir, I am shocked to learn that the new anti-terrorist Bill (letters, September 3) will take immediate effect following the vote in the House of Lords because, according to a radio report this morning, HM the Queen had 'signed it in advance".

How can this be justified? I think it is disgraceful that the monarch should have been put in this position. After all, obtaining her signature in the normal way would have delayed implementation of what is a controversial measure by only a few hours. This is yet another example of the current administration's disdain for

Parliament. Yours truly, ROSEMARY BOYD. The Old Manor, Flore, Northampton NN7 4LZ.

September 4.

#### Solicitors' earnings and legal aid

From Mr Benedict Birnberg

Sir, The stadsnes just published (report, "Top lawyers earn close to £900,000". September 11 of the fee income and parmers' earnings of the top 100 solicitors' firms put in stark perspective not only the earnings of most solicitors but the whole debate on the legal aid budget over which the Lord Chancellor and others continue to agonise.

Whilst the 100 firms which cater essentially for the wealthiest in society last year billed their private clients £4.34 billion in legal fees, with average profits per partner between £300,000 and £875,000, total net legal aid expenditure divided between ap-proximately 10,600 solicitors offices and an unspecified number of barristers amounted to £1.6 billion; most solicitors dependent on legal aid would do well to gross £60,000, with many struggling on much slenderer

With the Government searching

#### Tory policy on Europe

From Mr Martin Boll

Sir, That there is a difference of

At the last general election a large number of candidates nailed their colours firmly to the mast in declaring their opposition to the single currency. Since then, their number has been swelled by former ministers, now freed from the restraints of collective responsibility.

#### The 'Giving Age'

"Don't give up on the Giving Age", August 27). Some progress has been made, as Alun Michael. MP, has indicated (letter, September I), but the real challenge has yet to be tackled where will volunteers be welcomed? Research reveals a quarter of the population is waiting to be asked to to harness their energy.

enlisted to support patients.

unteers lengthen and strengthen the impact of general practidoners, community nurses, teachers, social workers and police. What is needed is national leadership, with clear targets for the involvement of volunteers in all public services - and the humility to welcome volunteers as partners. Twelve million people await the call.

baseline assessments for five-yearolds should attract the emotive words "test" and "streaming" (report, September 4). Infants are not to be "streamed" in the secondary sense. There is nothing new about grouping children who may well sit at the "red". "blue" or "green" table, where the necessary activities would be allo-

help, in conjunction with real "tests" at, say, age 11, to assess progress made during schooling.

Yours etc. JULIA MATTHEWS. 50 Sydney Road, Bexlevheath, Kent DA6 8HG.

From Dr R: A. Gelfer

Yours ecstatically, RICHARD GELFER 27 Fortis Green, N2 9JL September 2.

#### mined to reduce the legal aid budget, I suggest that at least part of the huge private fee income solicitors generate (some £7.4 billion two years agol could be channelled into funding a salaried public service, catering for the needs of the vast majority of the population.

Such a scheme would be in tune

for a viable form for the community

legal service promised in its election

manifesto, and at the same time deter-

with measures being discussed elsewhere by Government to assign particular revenues for the public benefit. I would hope at the very least that the Lord Chancellor, whose department is at present formulating a policy for the community legal service, would consider proposals that

have been made to set up a number of

Conservative Conference and Euro-

Sceptical Motions, 1992-95, identified

a hardening in the hostility of Conser-

vaove Party members to the EU in

general and EMU in particular.

Motions submined to the 1996 and

1997 conferences continued that trend.

attacks from the pro-single currency

wing at this year's Conservative

annual conference, William Hague

would be best advised to concentrate

his energies on meeting the challenge

from the growing number of his MPs and grassroots acrivists who oppose

his European policy because it is not

So, far from being concerned about

pilot projects embodying this idea.

Yours faithfully, BENEDICT BIRNBERG, B. M. Birnberg & Co (solicitors), 103 Borough High Street, SEI INN. September 3.

opinion within the Conservative Party regarding its policy towards fuller European integration has been amply demonstrated by recent letters to The Times (August 25, 28; September 2). There can be linle doubt, however. that the Eurosceptical position is the dominant one.

A Bruges Group pamphlet which I wrote in the summer of 1996, The

#### From the Executive Director of CSV

Sir, Kirsty Milne is absolutely right

This morning, for example, I received a Department of Health circular LAC (98) 21, headed "The new NHS modern and dependable, developing primary care groups" - 44 pages about delivering basic healthcare in the community; not one word could I find about involving volunteers. And yet in Lancashire the effectiveness of community nurses doubled when they began working in partnership with volunteers. In a Marylebone general practice, drug consumption and hospital appointments dropped over 15 per cent when volunteer energy was

Nationwide young and senior vol-

Yours sincerely. ELISABETH HOODLESS, Executive Director. CSV (Community Service Volunteers), 237 Pentonville Road, NI 9NJ. September 1.

#### Testing infants

From Dr Julia Matthews

Sir, It was inevitable that the new cated to build on previous knowledge.

The main purpose of the baseline assessments is to help the teacher 10 find out strengths and weaknesses of each individual - and not to label five-years-olds as a D stream. Teachers will be able to foster the relationship with parents by discussing the results of the assessments and suggesting ways in which they can help to reinforce the work done in school. As a spin-off, the baseline data will

#### Recaptured Minquiers

Sir, Surely the appropriate reaction to the recapture of the Minquiers archipelago (report, September 2) by our brave British bobby from the perfidious Paragonians is "Rejoice; rejoice!"

September 3. From Mrs Penny Egan,

Streatham Vale, SW16 5SB.

sceptical enough.

Yours faithfully.

MARTIN BALL

38 Greyhound Lane.

Director of the RSA

Sir, Kirsty Milne has missed an important point about why the Prime Minister's vision of a Giving Age seems to be taking its time to materialise.

Earlier this year the National Centre for Volunteering reported a significant fall in response amongst 16 to 25-year-olds, but added that where volunteering offered something tangiskills and recognised qualifications. the figures held up much better. The sooner we recognise an element of self-interest in any giving, the more likely it is that giving through volunteering will grow.

For four years the RSA has pursued its conviction that there is a rich seam of opportunity for people of any age to gain vocational qualifications based on skills and competencies acquired through experience in voluntary

Our scheme, Project 2001, following a successful pilot in London, has been extended with a three-year programme in London and Yorkshire. Our aim is to ensure that the advisory service and small grants can eventualbe replicated narionwide and

without our supervision.

The Prime Minister should allow at least ten years for the Giving Age to acquire any meaning. Some real incentives, for example tax incentives. would make it easier to get there.

Yours faithfully, PENNY EGAN. Director, The Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce,

8 John Adam Street, WC2N 6EZ.

#### Mail shot

From Mrs Brigit Barlow

Sir. I have received a mail order catalogue which advertises a game for children under the heading "Action-packed electronic gun set!" There is a picture of two boys pointing guns at each other; both are wearing "chest targets that light up when struck".

This will get them away from the TV or PC, the catalogue tells us. A case of out of the frying pan into the fire. perhaps?

Yours sincerely, BRIGIT BARLOW. Elbrook House, Ashwell, Baldock, Hertfordshire SG7 5NE. September 4.

#### Two cultures

From the Reverend A. B. de T. Andrews

Sir, With the increasing use of fax machines and e-mail as cheap forms of communication. will the Royal Mail eventually cease to be financially viable? And, if so, where would that leave people like myself, who are not equipped with these marvels of

Is there value, after all, in the proliferation of junk mail to keep the system going?

Yours sincerely, A. B. de T. ANDREWS, Cordwainers, Iddesleigh, Winkleigh, Devon EXI98BG. September 5.

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#### Orchestra at ROH 'after the tempest'

From Mr Gavin Henderson

Sir, Rodney Milnes's cri de coeur for the Royal Opera, "Dump the suits, save the show" (Arts, September 3), is to be welcomed: the company's survival of the administrative tempest of the last year is remarkable, as is that of the Royal Ballet. However, his attack on the "rump" of the Arts Council (which presumably includes myself, as chairman of the music panel) is based on the false assumpoon that we are suggesting that the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra might replace the ROH Orchestra. This is

The ROH orchestra has been fully stretched in playing for both the opera and ballet with frequent need for extra players; and it has also sometimes been necessary for the Royal Ballet Sinfonia (house orchestra to the Birmingham company) to be sched-uled in place of the ROH orchestra. If the Royal Philharmonic were engaged as orchestra for the Royal Ballet, the ROH orchestra would be left free to concentrate on opera work, while the Royal Bailet would have greater flexibility to develop its jours and other

engagements. Sir Richard Eyre's review team (of which I was a member has not suggested that the ROH in-house orchestra should be dispensed with. Far from it - the new building will have technical facilioes to significantly increase the number of performances. It will also have a second auditorium with instrumental needs of its own and, we hope, an intensified education programme. The existing orchestral team would be hard pressed to service

all such needs. In London we have an orchestral resource of unparalleled diversity and specialisms. Both in period instrument work and with contemporary ensembles, it ought to be possible for the new Covent Garden to take advan-

tage of such potential. GAVIN HENDERSON (Principal).
Trinity College of Music. Mandeville Place, WIM 6AQ. September 3.

#### London squares

From Mr John Horam, MP for Orpington (Conservative)

Sir. 1 am reluctant to disagree with Sir but I think he is entirely wrong about the problems posed by the plan to pedestrianise part of Trafalgar Square.
I strongly support World squares

for all" and have long thought that Trafalgar Square. Parliament Square and Whitehall need anention. I therefore support John Prescott's decision to push ahead with the Norman Foster plan.

I equally think that this is the sort of instance where decisive action by the relevant authority is the right approach, as was shown in the case of the City of London's "ring of steel" and the area in front of Buckingham Palace. People, in my experience, do adjust quite quickly. Spare us more

cones, consultation and dithering. Yours sincerely. JOHN HORAM. House of Commons.

September 1. From Mr Bernard Selwyn

Sir. The possible benefit of pedestrianising the north side of Trafalgar Square must also be balanced against

other functions of the square. While there is certainly room for improvement, pedestrians can now cross from the Nadonal Gallery reasonably safely. That is far from the case for the many wishing to cross between the south side of the square and Whitehall, The Mall and Si James's Park. None of the proposals

helps in this direction. The square is also a vital night bus interchange and, long after most of us are in bed, it is thronged with tourists.

late workers, etc. Yours sincerely. BERNARD SELWYN, 3 Hogarth Road, SW5 0QH. September 1.

#### The Uffizi-Pitti passage

From Dr J. H. Baron

Sir, You report (September 4) that the "secret" walkway between the Uffizi Gallery and the Palazzo Pitti is being opened to the public "after 500 years". However, my 1899 Baedeker describes it as the normal route for visitors between the two galleries, and for a small fee one's stick or umbrella left at the entrance of one museum would be conveyed to the exit of the other.

Yours faithfully. J. H. BARON, 2ic Randolph Crescent, W9 1DP. September 4.

#### Thirty-nine more steps?

From Mr Michael Donley

Sir. I have just been given a bottle of Oil of Ulay Body Wash. The container explicitly promises me "40+ uses". Try as I might, I have been able to think of only the one.

Yours inquisitively.
M. J. DONLEY, 72d Woodstock Road, Witney, Oxfordshire OX8 6DY.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BALMORAL CASTLE September 5: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, the Caravan Club, this morning opened the Scottish Caravan Club Rally at Ballater and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire (Mr Angus Farquharson). BALMORAL CASTLE

September 6: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning. The Rev Robin McHaffie preached the

Edward, President, the Commonwealth Games Federawealth Games.

O'Dwyer is in attendance.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Queen Elizabeth I, reigned 1558-1603, Greenwich Palace, 1533; Stephen Hales, physiologist and inventor, Bekesbourne, Kent, 1677; Comte Georges-Louis de Buffon, naturalist. Montbard. France, 1707: Samuel Wilberforce. Bishop of Winchester 1869-73, Clapham, 1805; Wil-liam Butterfield, architect. London, 1814; Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Prime Minister 1905-08. Glasgow. 1836; Clarence James Dennis, Australian poet, 1876; Dame Edith Sitwell, poet, Scarbor-ough, 1887; Simon Marks. Baron Marks of Broughton. retail trade leader. Leeds, 1888: Leslie Hore-Belisha, 1st Baron Hore-Belisha, statesman and inventor of belisha beacons. London, 1893; Laura Ashley, designer. Merthyr Tydfil. 1925: Buddy Holly, pop singer, Lubbock, Texas, 1936.

DEATHS: Catherine Parr. sixth wife of King Henry VIII. Sudeley Castle, Gloucestershire, 1548; John Armstrong, physician and poet, London. 779: Hannah More, evangelist and educator, Bristol, 1833: Hugh Sidney Lanier, poet and musician, Baltimore, 1881; John Greenleaf Whittier, poel and naturalist, Amesbury, Massachusetts, 1892; William Holman Hunt, painter, member of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, London, 1910; William Dent Priestman, inventor of the oil engine, 1936; C.B. Fry, sportsman, London.

The Russians were defeated by Napoleon's forces at the Battle of Borodino, 1812. Grace Darling and her father rescued survivors of the steamer Forfarshire off the Farne Islands, 1838. The Boxer Rising in China

ended with the signing of the Peace of Peking, 1901. Bishop Desmond Tutu was enthroned as Archbishop of Cape Town, 1986.

# Albert Memorial

The Queen will reopen the Al-bert Memorial in Kensington

Gore on October 30.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** September 6: The Prince tion, this evening left Heathrow Airport, London, for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to attend the XVI Common-

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean



Malcolm Bradbury, the novelist, is 66 today

#### Birthdays today

Mr John Baxter, Head Master. Wells Cathedral School. 59; Major Sir William Wrixon-Becher, 83: Lord Charteris of Amistield, 85; Mr Kevin Curran, cricketer, 39: Sir Paul Getty, philanthropist, 66; Mr Peter Gill, stage director, 59: Mr Christopher Green, former chief executive, English Heritage, 55; Miss M.G. Hampshire, former Principal, Cheltenham Ladies' College. 80: Miss Dianne Hayter, former chief executive, European Parliamentary Labour Party, 49; Lord Jenkin of Roding, 72; Mr Elia Kazan, author, producer and director, 89; Mr Justice Ian Kennedy, 68; the Marquess of Londonderry, 61; Sir Douglas Lovelock, former chairman. HM Board of Customs and Excise, 75: Professor Sir Brian Pippard, FRS, physicist, 78: Mr Gordon Richards, racehorse trainer, 68: Mr Michael Robbins, former president, Society of Antiquaries of London, 83, Sir Neil Shields, former chairman,

#### Today's royal engagements

56.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Farnborough Interna-cional Air Show, Hampshire

Commission for the New

Towns, 79: Judge A. Simmons,

# School announcements

Aiglon College
Term begins today. School Guardians are Anjali Anand and Martin Gikunda. Cultural Long Expeditions leave on October 19 and half term is October 25 to November 1. Aiglon's Golden Jubilee elebrations commence with the Parents' Weekend concert Round the World in 80 Minutes on October 23. The Carol Service will be on Thursday, December 10, and term ends on December 12.

Berkhamsted Collegiate School The Michaelmas Term begins today and finishes on December 18. Edward Boddam-Whetham (Burgh) is Head Boy and Helen Davis (School) is Head Girl. The Founder's Day Service will be held on October 16 at 11am to 5t Peter's, with our guest of honour the Bishop of Southwark, the Right Rev Dr Thomas Butler. Co-edu-cation is now offered in the new Preparatory School and in the successful Sixth Form, while sinsuccessful Staff Form, white single-sex education is retained for
boys and girls aged 11-16. Our
Open Day for prospective pupils
and parents is Friday, September
25 (2-7pm): for further details,
please telephone 01442 863236 or
862168.

School convenes today for the Michaelmas term. The major drama production Blood Wedding will be performed on November 11 12. 13 and 14. The Heads of School are Joanna Burley and Alexander Walsh. Term ends with the Carol Services on Wednesday, December

Chetham's School of Music Term starts today at Chetham's School of Music. On Wednesday. October 21, Stephen Threlfall will conduct Chetham's Chamber Orchestra in a concert at Manchester Cathedral, to include works by Beethoven. Elgar and Stravinsky On Sunday, November 8, Chetham's Big Band and Wind Band will take part in a charity concert at the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, in aid of ActionAid. The school will be opening its doors on November 14, during the annual Open Day, when all those interested in Chetham's can visit, meet staff and students, and find out more about music and academic departments. There will also be chamber concerts at Dunham Massey Hall on Friday,

MANY house martins are still

feeding young in their nests

under overhanging eaves.

This summer they have had

no problems in finding mud to

use as building material. Tit-

mice are becoming very audi-

ble again as they travel in

flocks through the trees look-

ing for food. Coal tits, which

are tiny, grey birds with a

black cap and a white nape,

are particularly noisy. Green

woodpeckers normally feed on

anthills, but where fields are

being ploughed, they will

come down to find food in the

new furrows. Their golden backs look bright against the dark earth as they fly up.

Seeds are spinning down

from the lime trees, along with

the first brown leaves. Oak

trees are still very green, with

November 13, and Weinesday.
November 18. The Chamber Choir and String Orchestra will give concerts at Grappenhall, on Saturday. November 28, and Sandbach on Saturday, December 5. On Priday, December 11, the annual concert of Christmas Music will take place at Manchester Cathedral, following which term ends. which term ends.

Cobham Hall

The Autumn Term begins today.
Sheri Lucas continues as Guardian. There is an Open Day for parents of prospective pupils on Saturday, November 7. The School Carol Service is at 2.30pm on Saturday, December 12. Term ends on Sunday, December 13, at

The Leys School, Cambridge The Autumn Term begins today. Kendra Builin and Paul West are Senior Prefects, With an 11+ entry as well as 13+ entry the School roll has risen to over 450. Prospective pupils and their parents are invited to an Open Evening on November 26. The Sixth Form Scholarship examinations are on November 6 and 7. Mill Hill School Foundation

Autumn term at the three Foundation schools begins today. Mr John Hawkins. Master of Belmont, takes up his post as Chairman of IAPS for 1998-99 and Mr Kevin Douglas has been appointed Act-ing Master for the academic year. The Rev James Fields joins as Chaplain to the Foundation. Mrs Adrienne Attree becomes Deputy Head of Grimsdell. The new Studio Theatre will be formally opened by Professor Maggie Pittard on Saturday, September 19. The Guest of Honour on Foundation Day, Saturday, September 26, is Sir Robert Balchin. The Prestige Lecture will be given by Profes Sieven Jones on Thursday. November 19. Rugby and Girls Hockey teams from Wesley Coll-ege and Perth College. Australia. will be hosted in early December. Term ends on Wednesday, Decem-

Malvern Girls' College
The School Year begins on
Wednesday, September 9. The
Head of Malvern Girls' College is Mrs Philippa M.C. Leggate. The Chairman of the College Council is Mr Rex Tedd, QC, BCL, MA. The

The titmouse

fat green acorns still firmly

attached to their cups. On chalky downland, harebells

are still in flower, trailing

through the grass. Sometimes

gloss, which is a prickly plant

with bright blue flowers.

White convolvulus flowers are

climbing over bushes and fences. Along woodland paths,

a new generation of speckled

wood butterflies are emerging

from their chrysalids in the

grass: they have brown wings dappled with yellow. DJM

Nature notes

Head Girl is Bryony Whipp and the Deputy Head Girl is Claire Alexander. Half Term is from Friday, October 23, to Sunday, November 1. Friday, October 23, is a College Open Day, this to include the official opening of the new Science Block. The Autumn new Science Block. The Autumn Term ends on Friday, December It. There are 430 pupils this year in the Senior School and 50 to the Preparatory School. Open Days for prospective parents will be held on October 17 (Sixth Form) and November 7 (Middle School). The Old Girls' Association will meet at The Benef Opensors. Leggue 51 The Royal Overseas League, St. James's, London, on November 14 (tickets on request). The Christmas Carol Service will be held in Malvern Priory at 11.00am on

Friday, December 11.

Malvern Girls' College is a registered charity no 527513 and exists to provide education for young

Oakham School Wioter Term at Oakham School

begins today. Thomas Spall is Head Boy and Katie Benbow is Head Girl. Dr R. Marshall becomes Head of the Upper School, Mr E. Martin Housemaster of School House, Mrs G. Dixon Housemistress of Round House and Mrs M. Nicholls House and Mrs M. Nicholls House-mistress of Hambleton House. The main drama productions will be The Crucible by Arthur Miller from November 18-20 and The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew from Decmber 3-5. Brahm's Re-quiem and Dvorak's Te Deum wil be performed by the Choral Society on December 13. Sixth Form Academic Scholarship Examina-tions will be held on November 9, 10 and 11. The Carol Service for parents will be held on the last day of term, Wednesday, December 16.

Old Buckenham Hall The new academic year begins today and heralds the start of co-education at Old Buckenham Hall. Work will commence on the new all weather playing surface this week and the recently completed Pre-Prep building will be officially opened on Friday, October 23. There will be an Open Morning at the school on Saturday, October 10. The annual London reception will be held in The House of Commons on Thursday, November 19. Old Boys wishing to renew

and Miss C.L. Collingwood

The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mr and

Mrs Timothy Beavis. of Harborne,

Birmingham, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clemell

Collingwood, of Harpenden,

and Miss A.M. Vine The engagement is announced

between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Chick, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, and

Ailsa, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Angus Vine, of Melrose, Rox-

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and

Mrs Christopher Leigh, of Wendens Ambo, Essex, and

Rebecca, daughter of the late Mrs

Nicola Streeter and of Mr Robert Streeter, of Clare, Sulfolk.

Hertfordshire.

Mr M.C. Chick

burghshire.

Mr E.J. Leigh

and Miss R.M. Streeter

contact with their school should send their details to the School Office, Brettenham Park, Ipswich,

The Oratory School
Michaelmas Term begins today.
The School Captain is B.J. Flynn.
Captain of Rugby is M.A. Jenkins.
Half-term will be train October 22
to November 1. The aunual Requiem Mass for Old Oratorians will be at 6.30pm on Thursday, November 12, at Brounpton, Ora-tory. The school play Journey's End will be performed by the Cardinal's Men on December 9, 10 and II. Term ends after Muss on

St George's College, Weybridge The School year starts today, beginning the final phase in the transition to co-education. The Heads of School are Sian Fletcher and Justin Stone. Father Paul Connor, CJ, is School Chaplain and the new Head of Sixth Form is Mrs Margi Lamey. The Guest of Honour at Prizegiving on Friday, September 18, will be Mr Michael Gooley, OG. Open Mornings will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 25 and 26, and Old Georgians' Day is on Sunday,

St John's School, Leatherhead The Michaelmas Term begins today at St John's School, Leatherhead, Jonathan Allen is Leatherhead. Jonathan Allen is School Captain and Matthew Gadd is Deputy Captain. Paul Dunckley is Captain of Rugby and Jacqueline Brett is Captain of Girls Hockey. The School play. Clifford Odets Golden Boy will be performed on October 21, 22 and 23 and Surrey House will perform My Three Angels by Sam and Bella Spewack on December 8 and 9. Choral Evensong is at 6.30pm on Wednesday. November 18, and the Wednesday, November 18, and the School Concert is at 7.30pm on Sunday, December 6. Open Evening is on Friday, October 16, from 6 to 9pm followed the next day by Open Morning, from 9.30am to noon. Lower Sixth entry tests for girls and boys are on Saturday, November 21. The Old Johnian Dinner will be held at Tyrrells Wood Golf Club at 7.30pm on Friday, October 2. There will be a Morning South State of the Land Company. Memorial Service for H.L. Kennedy (former Housemaster, East House) at noon on Saturday,

# Forthcoming engagements

Dr A.J. Otley and Miss V.L.R.M. Groom and Miss V.L.R.M. Groom
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr J.A. Otley, of Pershore, Worcestershire and the late Mrs Otley, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Mr C.R. Groom, of Willington, Derbyshire, and Mrs M.H.P. Groom, of Reptou, Derbyshire.

Derbyshire. Mr M. Varvill and Mrs S.J.P. Harker The engagement is announced between Michael Varvill and

#### Church news

Appointment The Rev Evelyn Houghton, NSM Assistant Curate, Bedford St John and St Leonard (St Albans): to be Curate (to be known as Associate Priest), Reading St Agnes w St Paul (Oxford).

Sarah Harker, of London and

# **Marriages**

Sir David Finlay and Mits C. Acheson

The marriage took place on Sannday at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, of Sir David Finlay, only son of the late Sir Graeme Finlay and of June Lady Finlay, of Noting Hill, London, to Miss Camilla Acheson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Acheson, of Castlecaulfield. On Trone. The

Castlecauffield. Co Tyrone. The Very Rev John Paterson officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Arthur W.F. Acheshi and Robert, Vita and Siena Knight Bruce. Mr Charles Mullins was best man. A reception was held at the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Sir Geoffrey Dear and Mrs A.M. Jones

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of All Saints, Coleshill, Oxfordshire, of Sir Geoffrey Dear, son of Mr and Mrs C.W. Dear, of Peterborough, to Mrs Alison Jean Martin Jones, daughter of the late Dr Ian Martin and of Mrs Jean Martin of Tynemouth, Northumberland. The Rev I. Beckwith officiated. The bride was given in marriage

by her uncle, Mr Ian Homersham, and Mr Simon J.K. Dear, son of the groom, was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride's uncle, and the boneymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D. Redvers and Miss L. Montgomery

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, of Mr David Redvers, son of Mr and Mrs John Redvers, of Hartpury, Gloucestershire, to Miss Laura Montgomery, young-est daughter of Sir David and Lady Montgomery, of The Home Farm, Kinross. The Rt Rev Michael Hare Duke officiated, assisted by Father

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lucy and Harriet Liddle, tona Montgomery, Georg-ina Stewart, Sarah Batting, Miranda and Jack Jones and Hector Butler, Mr Andrew Elliot was best man and a reception was held at Kinross House.

Mr MJ. Hewitt

and Miss L.F. Dawson-Brown The marriage took place on Saurday at St Mary's Church. Lashingham, of Mr Michael Hewitt, younger son of Sir Nicholas and Lady Hewitt, of Huttons Ambo, North Yorkshire. to Miss Lucinda Dawson-Brown, daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Dawson-Brown, of Low Askew, North Yorkshire, The Rev David

Bryant officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Serena Dawson-Brown and Miss Victoria Hewitt. Mr Charles Hewitt was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Corsica.

Mr C. Hemy and Miss Z. Ellison

The marriage took place on Lympne, Kent, of Mr Christian Henry, elder son of Sir Denis Henry, QC, and Lady Henry, of Warlingham, Surrey, to Miss Zigi Ellison, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Ellison, of Lympne. The

Ven Rod van Zuylen officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rachel and Monique Ellis, Sophie Wilson, Lily and Max

LEGAL NOTICES

Suterman. Mr Tim Smallwood and Mr Sheldon Henry were best men. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in Bali, Lombok and Thailand.

Mr R.J. Delafield and Miss E.M.E. Willford

The marriage took place on Sanarday, September 5, in Hyby, Sweden, between Mr Richard J. Delafield, son of Air Commodure John Delafield, retd, and Mrs Delafield, of Islip, Oxfordshire, and Miss Maria Willford-Person. daughter of Mr and Mrs Carl-Willford-Persson, of Bara,

Mr M.D. Gillott

and Miss J.A. Watler The marriage took place on Saturday, September 5, 1998, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Minster, Kent, of Michael David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Gillott, and Janine Ann. only daughter of Mr and Mrs Bernard

Mr R.P. Miller and Miss P.S. Radford The marriage took place on August 15 between Rowan and Penny at Stoughton, Leicestershire, with the reception at Uppingham School.

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Mr F.T. O Sullivan and Miss S.L. Archer

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 5, at Chelsea Old Church, between Mr Fergus O'Sullivan, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas O'Sullivan, of Perth, Scotland, and Miss Sophie Archer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jasper Archer, of Stapleford, Wiltshire. The Reverend Dr Peter Elvy. officiated, assisted by Father Titus

The bride was given away by her father and attended by Holly and Ella Crerar and Georgia Lewis, Mr Andrew Richards was best

A reception was held at The Cavalry and Guards Club, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Dr M. L. Strickland

and Dr D.R. Higgs A service of blessing after the marriage of Dr Matthew Strickland and Dr Debra Higgs

took place in Norwich Cathedral on September 5.

Mr P.W.B. Trueblood and Mrs E. Yuill The marriage took place on Saturday, September 5, at The Service Church, Fulham Road,

between Peter W.B. Trueblood and Elizabeth Yuill. After a honeymoon abroad, they will live in London.

#### University news

Oxford St Anne's College

Elections To Professorial Fellowships: Professor Paul Strohm, J.R.R. Tolkien Professor of English Lit-erature and Language Professor John M. Titchmarsh. Royal Academy of Engin-cering/AEA Technology/INSS Research · Professor Microanalytical Techniques for Structural Integrity Problems To Official Fellowships:

Dr Patrick McGuinness, Tutor in Modern Languages Dr Allison Harvey, Tutor in Psychology

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# PERSONAL COLUMN

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BIRTHS STAFFORD CHARLES - O 24th August to Harriet (née Mort) and Goottrey. a son, Henry Richard.

RUBY **ANNIVERSARIES** ARIGHT - Jean & Keith.

GOLDEN **ANNIVERSARIES** TEWARD:BAILEY -Campbell to Elizabeth on 7th September 1948 at St. Bortholomers the Less

partholomew the Less. EC1. Still at East Runton, NR27 9PN.

**DEATHS** 

ANDREWS - Or Jeao Romer tode Ynung aged 85 on the 3rd September 1998 to The John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford, after 4 short Uness. Qualified at Royal formerly acaesthetist and medical practitioner. Wife of the late Professor ol the lafe Professor
W.H.H. i Diggeri Aodrews,
mother of William,
Christopher, Rosalind and
David Funeral as Oxford
Crematorium, Bayswator
Road, Headingtoo, Friday
IIth September, 2.00pm
Goostions to League of
Friends, John Radcliffe
Hospital, Headington,

ATKINSON - James (Jim), passed nway peacefully on September 1st 1988 at Alton Commonity Hospital, aged 82 years. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service on Basingstoke Crematorium on Friday September 11th at 12 noon Flowers or donations to Flowers or donations to the Stroke Association, c/s Spencer and Peyton. Tel: 01256 323165

BARRON - John on 2nd September 1998. Kind and caring busband so precious to Ann. Most dearly foved by all bis family. "There has been hidden to this day a giant among mountains" Henry J. Stanley.

DEATHS RICHTON - Patrick on 3rd

GBBS - On 3rd September peacefully George Arthur Elion Gibbs, Lt. Col. (Retired) in his 100th year. Husband of Suzanne. Husband of Suzanne.
Funeral Service at St
Mary's Church.
Michelmerah on Friday
11th September at 1.30pm
followed by cremation.
Family flowers only hut
donations to the World
Wildlife Fund may be sent
to A.H. Chester, Funeral
Directors, Romsey, Hants.

GREY - Nevert (Poss), died peacefully at Lancaster on 3rd September 1998 aged 84 years. A very gallant lady now sadly missed hy a hoat of friends. Per Ardua ad Astra. The Funeral Service will take place at the Lancaster and Morecambe Crematorium on Friday September 11th, commencing 12.30pm. Donations if desired may be sent to St. John's Hospice, c/o Preston Ireland Bowker Funeral Directors. 208 Queen Street, Lancaster LA1 1RX. Tel: 01524 64023

1RX. Tel: 01524 64023 GRIFFITHS - Patrick.
Tragically drowned off
Eastbourne on 30th
August 1998, aged 28.
Much loved son of Much loved son of Maureen and John of Eastbourne and cephew of Paddy Holloway. Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium Main Chapel on Tuesday 15th September at 11.30am. Enquirios to Haine & Son Ltd., 01323 727801.

HARDING - Rosemary, on August 4th, sged 34. Much loved by Jervmy, Beth, John and Kil. Funeral on Thursday September 10th, 11am, in New Church Yard, Braybrooke Road, Wasterson Families to Wargrave Enquiries to A.B. Walker and Son, 0118

KAY - Ella Laurz (formerly Sullivan, née Dresen), died pescefully on September 3rd 1938, aged 8f. () early loved by her son Michael and Jill, and by her grandson Jonathan and Sali, Funeral service at St. George's U.R.C. Benchill, Thursday September föth at 11.00am, followed by cremation. Flowers or donations if desired to St. Michaels Hospice c/o Mummery F/D, 31
Devonshire Road, Benchillon-Sea TN40 1AH. RICHTON - Patrick on 3rd September, peacefully at Homefield House Narsing Home. Befoved husband of Cill and loving father of Hugh, Jane and Oesmond Family funeral: Memorial Service to be announced. No flowers please, but donations to Ousen Elizabeth's Foundation for Ossabled People, Leatherhead, Surrey.

Andersen), on Sunday
August 30th, peacefully, at
R.S.C. Hospital Guildford
after n long fight with
llinesses, borne with great
courage and dignity, aged
70. Beloved wile of John
and mother of Janet and
Franca, dear mother-inlaw of Richard and David
and adored grandmother
of Eatherine, Madeleine
and Imogen. Sadly missed
by all her family and many
friends, Funeral Service at
Holy Trinity Church
Bramley, Friday
September 11th at 11 am.
followed by private
cramation. Family flowers
only. Donations to NSPCC,
enclosing name and
address and Bodil's name,
either posting to NBPCC,
at Broadfield House,
either Rese, Crawley,
West Sussex RHI 1RZ, or
leaving of the church on
September 11th.

IECK - James on August

LUCK - James on August 31st, peacefully at home. Husband of Dorsen. Funeral at Ameraham Crematorium on Friday Crematorium on Friday
Septentaber 12th at 1 Lam.
Family flowers only.
Donations, if desired, to
the British Heart
Foundation, c/o Westair
Ltd, Central Avenue, West
Molesey KTS ZQZ. McKERNA – William (Bill) died suddenly at his hom-in Bowness, Cumbris, on Sunday August 23rd, so dearly loved hy his wife Maureen, children Liam, Louise, Holen, Cella – and Alison, Julian and haby Thomas.

ROWLES - Muriel Joyce, on 29th August 1998 in Bromley Rospital. Dearly loved wife of Derek. Punctal al Beckenham Puneral al Bec Cremetorium on Friday, 11th September at 2.30pm Family flowers only. Donations to CARE, Ide Hill, Sevenous, TN14

MCHOLSON - Olive Dalsy (née Castling), passed away on Angust 29th. Beloved widow of Charles, sister of Alice, Albert, Rose, Edith, Frederick, Harry, Hilda and fvy, mother of Vivienne, grandmother of Tamzin and Dominic, great-grandmother of Billy and Minty. Cremstion will be held on September 15th. She will be greatly missed by us all. Enquiries to Cooperative Funeral Services, High Road, Loughton, Essex.

NIGHTINGALE OF CROMARTY

Michael David. OBE FSA,
on 2nd September 1998
aged 70. at Wormshill.
Husband of Hilary ond
father of Emma. Rebocca.
John. Alexander and
Rachel. Funeral at none on
Friday 11th September at
SI Giles. Wormshill. No
Flowers Donations to
Winchester College
IArchives Funds or Friends
of Wormshill Church. c/o
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PEAREY - Captain Michael
Alan RN (Retd.), uotil
receptly Clerk of CHrist's
Hospital. Died on
September 4th in home.
Much loved hushand of
Thelma, befoved finher,
grandfather and brother.
A very, very special
person, friend to so many.
Family funeral only.
Memorial Service to be
announced shortly.
Donations, if desired, to
Tho Benevolent Society of
Blues C/o The Counting
House, CHrist's Hospital
Horsham, Sussex RH13
TYP. Tel: 01403 211293.

POLLARD - Arthur James
(Jim) died on September
2nd 1998 agad 65 years
after a vallant fight
against cancer. Dearly
beloved husband of Diana,
devoted father of Wade,
Keri and Brady and proud
grandinther of Rate. Tom,
Katerina and Elena.
Funeral service to be beld
of 51 Johns Church, West
Byfleet on Wednesday
September 9th at 2.30pm
followed by private
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SHORT - On August 31st
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Commander Keith Ivan
Short OBE, DSC, RN
Irstired) of Esher Surrey
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Vaneasa, Robert and
Fions, much loved
grandchildren, devoted
husband of the late Lncy
Teress (Terry). Service
Church of The Holy Name,
Arbrook Lane, Esher
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1998, followed by
cremation at Randalls
Park Leatherhead. Family
flowers only. Donations to
the Prostate Cancer
Charity, c/o F.W.Paine, 108
High Street, Esher, Surrey
KT19 901. Tel: 01372
464021.

MEMORIAL SERVICES KEATINGE - The memorial service for Sir Edgar Mayne Keatinge CBE (Mike), will be held on Saturday September 19th 1998 at St Michael and All Assals Church Teffon Angels Church, Teffoni Evisa, Salisbury at 2.30pm and afterwards at Howard's house. Howard's house.

Donations, if desired, for
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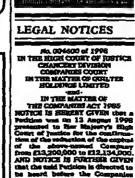
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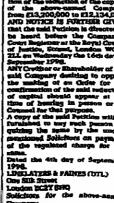




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## **OBITUARIES**

# **AKIRA KUROSAWA**



Akira Kurosawa, Japanese film director, died in Takyo yesterday aged 88. He was born on March 23, 1910.

kira Kurosawa was the man who almost single-handedly introduced Japanese cinema to the West. When his film Rashomon was shown at the 1951 Venice Festival it made an enormous impression and took the top award of the Golden Lion. Yet to that point Japanese films were little known outside Asia. After Rashomon it was clear to critics that they could no longer be ignored.

A prodigious talent, who belongs with the handful of great artists to have worked in the cinema medium, Kurosawa combined an epic historical vision with a deep feeling for humanity. He had a complete mastery of the formal aspects of film, which he combined with a flair for powerful composition and vivid imagery. He told his stories with a deceptive economy of effort that concealed a complex mind.

Dubbed "the Emperor" because of his autocratic manner, he built a reputation as the most Western of Japanese directors, freely acknowledging the influence of old Hollywood masters like King Vidor and John Ford and often enjoying a higher reputation outside his own country than in it. For several of his films he drew on Western literary sources, particularly Shakespeare and Maxim Gorky, but also the American thriller writer Ed McBain.

The West, in turn, paid him the compliment of remaking some of his best-known works, generally in a manner which demonstrated the effortless superiority of the originals. Thus, Rashomon, in Kurosawa's hands a subtle exploration of different perceptions of a violent incident taking place in medieval Japan, became The Outrage in 1964, a spectacularly ineffective vehicle for Paul Newman. The Seven Samurai (1954) enjoyed a bet- . advertisement requiring candi-



A scene from Kurosawa's film The Seven Samurai, featuring his favourite actor, Toshiro Mifune

ter fate at Hollywood's hands. It was the inspiration for The Magnificent Seven (1960) a good action picture fielding a clutch of stars, which only looked inferior when it tried to engage with the strangeness and subtlety of the Japanese ambience. Yojimbo (1961), another wry exploration of the samurai ethos, turned up in 1964 as the Sergio Leone film, A Fistful of Dollars, starring Clint Eastwood, thereby launching the spaghetti western. Kurosawa also provided the script-basis for the gripping jailbreak movie Runaway Train (1985), made in America by the expatriate Russian di-

rector, Andrei Konchalovsky and starring Jon Voight. Akira Kurosawa was born in Tokyo, the youngest of eight children of an army officer, and developed in his youth a passion for the European and American silent cinema. After trying unsuccessfully to make a living as a commercial artist, he answered a newspaper job

dates to write an essay on the basic faults in Japanese cinema. As a result he was taken on as assistant director by a film company.

After scriptwriting and war-time documentaries, he made his debut as a feature director in 1943 with Sanshiro Sugata, which became a hit in wartime Japan. In the next seven years he made another ten films which did well in the domestic market before Rashomon brought him international recognition. Set in the 11th century. Rashomon was a study in ambiguity which offered four different, and equally plausible, versions of the same incident, in which a nobleman is attacked by a bandit and his wife apparently raped. In addition to its Golden Lion, it won a Hollywood Oscar for best foreign film.

Kurosawa followed it with lkuru (Living), a perceptive and often amusing film about a Tokyo bureaucrat with only a few months to live who is determined to use them in the

most fulfilling way. In con-trast to this quiet chamber piece, Seven Samurai was the story of a group of warriors hired to defend a village against bandits. The affinities with the Western were obvious and Hollywood was not slow in taking the hint.

In 1957 Kurosawa turned to Shakespeare for Throne of Blood, a version of the Macbeth story transposed to 16thcentury Japan. The Macbeth figure was played by Toshiro Mifune, who appeared in most Kurosawa films between 1948 and 1965, when a quarrel ended their partnership.

Milune was also the star of Yojimbo (1961), playing an unemployed samurai who settles a feud between two groups of. townspeople by playing one off against the other, and of Red Beard (1965), as a doctor ministering to the poor. In between, Kurosawa made High and Low, a cootemporary thriller about a kidnapping. from a story by Ed McBain. In 1967 Kurosawa was suffi-

cently established internationally to be invited by Darryl F. Zanuck to Hollywood to co-di-rect Tora! Tora! Tora!, an account of events leading up to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. But after only nine days of shooting Kurosawa left the film, ostensibly for reasons of health, in fact after a dispute with the studio over artistic

freedom. The episode started a bleak period in Kurosawa's career. In 1970 he returned to Maxim Gorky's story of down-andouts, The Lower Depths, which he had previously filmed in the 1950s. But Dodeska-den (1970), his first film in colour, was poorly received and its critical and commercial failure left him so depressed that he tried to commit suicide by slashing his wrists.

His next film, Dersu Uzala, a tale of a Russian surveyor mapping the Siberian wastes did not appear until 1975, and was made not in Japan but the Soviet Union. Shot in Siberia.

was the second Kurosawa film to win an Oscar. When he did at last return to film-making in Japan with Kagemusha in 1980, it was partly thanks to money arranged by two Hollywood admirers, Francis Ford Coppola and George Lucas, A fable about a condemned thief who doubles for a warlord, it shared the top award at the Cannes Film Festival.

In 1984, in his 75th year, Kurosawa finally realised a longcherished project, Ran, adapted from Shakespeare's King Lear, with sons substituted for the daughlers and a transvestite cabaret artist cast as the fool. The most expensive film ever made in Japan, it combined awesome speciacle with a piercing view of the human tragedy and showed that although Kurosawa reached the veleran stage, he had lost none of his creadve en-

Kurosawa was married to the actress Yoko Yaguchi, who died in 1985. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

# **BRIGADIER** F. H. B. INGALL

Brigadier Francis Ingall, DSO, OBE, died in California no Angust 21 aged 89. He was born on October 24, 1908.

IN A varied life as soldier. sportsman, actor and one-time honorary consul, Francis tngall valued above all his wartime command of the 6th Duke of Connaught's Own Lancers in Italy and later his role as founder-commandant of the Pakistan Military Academy. Mechanised in India in 1940, the 6th Lancers served in trag in 1941 when the pro-British Regent Emir Abdullah was overthrown by the pro-Axis General Rashid Ali. After the restoration of Abdullah they went with the 8th Indian Division to Persia to counter the German threat to the oilfields in 1942.

After the invasion of Italy the 8th Indian Division landed at Brindisi in October 1943 and from then on the 6th Lancers fought their way north-wards with the Eighth Army. Towards the end of the Italian campaign they took part in the British 5th Corps' offensive across the River Senio, in which they protected the right flank of the 8th Indian Division. The citarion to the DSO ingali was awarded records: 'He fought his regiment with skill, cunning and daring. As the battle developed he seized every fleeting opportunity and by vigorous offensive accom cleared pockets of the enemy, greatly aiding the advance to

the Argenta Gap."

Thereafter he led the oth Lancers in the advance from the Po to the Adige, keeping a weakened enemy on the run. As a result he was able to seize bridges over the Po's lateral tributaries before the Germans could blow them up.

At the end of the war in Europe Ingall returned to India as chief of staff of the 8th Indian Division. After particon in 1947 and the division of the old Indian Army between India and Pakistan, Ingall was selected by the C-in-C India, Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck, as first commandant of the Pakistan Military Academy, established at Kakul.

He determined to model the Pakistan Academy on Sandhurst and requested a regimental sergeant major from the Brigade of Guards to help with training. He was lucky. too, to have the support of a number of old Indian Army officers who transferred to the Pakistan Army, among them Lieutenant-Colonel Attique Rahman. In spite of facilioes

which were nowhere near the level of those enjoyed by the Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun. Ingall won the confidence of his cadets and instruc-tors. When, late in 1947, the dispute over the accession of Jammu and Kashmir led to armed conflict between India and Pakistan, he was able to structure the Academy's training to enable newly commissioned of-ficers 10 be immediately effecove when they joined units on

active service. Ingall was appointed OBE after completing his term as commandant in 1950. What probably gave him more satisfaction was the decision to name Kakul's central lecture theatre Ingall Hall - though this was not built unol many years after he had left. He kept in rough with the academy for the rest of his life, making his last visit as recently as last year when he took questions from an audience of 800 cadets in the hall named after him.

Francis Herman Barclay Ingall was born at Oxied, Surrey, and educated at Hurstpierpoint College and Sandhurst from where he was commissioned into the 6th Duke of Connaughi's Own Lancers in the Indian Army in 1929. His first action with the regiment was at Karawal on the North West Frontier where he led a cavalry charge with drawn sword. In those prewar years he frequently played polo for his regiment.

After leaving his post at the Pakistan Military Academy. Ingall was for some years a director of Killick Nixon in Bombay. But in 1959 he took ship with his third wife to San Francisco and spent the rest of his life in the United States where he was a vice-president of several corporations, and presi-dent of the chamber of commerce of Tiburon, California, besides serving as honorary consul-general for Pakistan in San Francisco. He founded the Queen's Club in San Francisco in the early 1960s to foster friendship between the American and British Armed Forces.

He also acted in a number of professional stage produc-tions, spoke on radio and television and lectured widely to university groups and local or-ganisations. Kipling was a spe-ciality of his. Ingall's autobiography, The Last of the Bengal Lancers, was published in 1988; he and his wife ran a restaurant. The Bengal Lancer, in San Francisco.

Ingall is survived by his third wife, Margaret, and by a son and daughter of his first marriage. A son of his third marriage died as a child.

# ROY BRADFORD

Roy Bradford, MP for Sinrmont, 1965-1973. Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, 1973-74, writer, novelist and broadcaster, died nn September 2 aged 77. He was born on July 7, 1921.

ROY BRADFORD will be chiefly remembered as a member of the ill-fated Northern Ireland Assembly of 1973-74, which bad arisen out of the Sunningdale agreement of 1973. He was part of the liberal camp which followed Brian Faulkner into talks with the largely Catholic Social and Democratic Labour Party (SDLP) in an effort to reach some sort of power-sharing devolved government in the wake of the aholition of Stor-

The Sunningdale agree ment was dealt a fatal blow in February 1974 when, despite ardent protests from John Hume, the Prime Minister. Edward Heath, called a snap general election at the height of the miners' strike, providing an opportunity for hardline Unionists to demonstrate the weight of anti-power-sharing sentiment. Under the banner of the United Ulster Unionist Council (UUUC), they obliterated the ill-prepared and disorganised Faulknerite Unionists at Westminster, winning 11 of the Province's 12 seats.

Bradford, who had been appointed to Faulkner's Cabinet in November of the previous year, was the only member of the Executive to stand for Westminster. Canvassing under the banner "Ulster Unionist Pro-Assembly", he unsuccessfully campaigned for the seat of North Down where he was beaten by the UUUC candi-date James Kilfedder, by a margin of over 16,000.

the beleaguered and deflated Executive, and cracks began to emerge. Bradford was criticised by other members for publicly expressing reserva-tions about the deal, and in May 1974, when the loyalist Ulster Workers' Council called a strike in an effort to scupper Sunningdale, he made himself unpopular by making repeated demands that the Executive hold negotiations with the loyalist strikers.

These were testing times for

He twice offered his resignation to Faulkner. Although he was sympathetic to the work-



ers' cause, and opposed the use of troops on the streets in trying to break the impasse, Bradford felt that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Merlyn Rees, was giving succour to extremism by paying too much attention to the proposals of Sinn Fein and the Ilster Volunteers.

In June, a month after the fall of the Executive, and after much speculation and rumour, Roy Bradford left Faulkner's doomed Unionist rump and reverted to the anti-Sunningdale Official Unionist Party, by then under Harry

West. In October he urged his constituents to vote for the hardliner William Craig for the Belfast East seat. By this time Bradford's role in national politics was finished.

Such vocal support for Craig, whose Vanguard party relied on considerable support and muscle from the paramilitary Uister Defence Association, was a remarkable move for Bradford. He had entered Stormont on a liberal ticket, elected as Northern Irish MP for the Victoria ward, East Belfast, in 1965.

By 1968 he had become Chief Whip and a year later. was made Minister of Commerce in the Province.

By late 1973 Bradford was being tipped by many in the Irish media as the next leader of the Ulster Unionists. Despite being somewhat short on modesty, he was both popular among his working-class Protestant constituents of East Belfast, and like Gerry Fitt, was liked by many in London and Dublin as a caim, clever and friendly figure.
Roy Bradford was a far cry

from the stereotypical dour Ul-sterman: he was a liberal and literate man who spent much

time south of the border and across the Irish Sea. Born in Belfast to a father from Monaghan, after studying at the Roy-al Belfast Academical Institution, he went to Trinity College Dublin, which in the 1940s remained one of the last bastions of southern Unionism. He maintained his interests in Dublin and the South (in 1994) he suggested that the Republic of Ireland might one day rejoin the Commonwealth) and was friendly with such south-

O'Brien. After graduating in 1942 with a first-class degree in German and French, he worked in Army Intelligence in France and Germany. In 1950 he went to live in London where, aside from insurance and restaurant interests, he worked as a writer and broadcaster for BBC and ITV. He had several short stories published in the London Evening Standard, and in 1960 published his first novel Excelsion.

ern liberals as Conor Cruise

After the miners' strike of 1974 Bradford campaigned unsuccessfully as a member of the similarly ill-fated Northern treland Convencion. In the 1980s he advocated a forum to

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discuss areas of common interst between Protestants and Catholics. He was elected as Ulster Unionist to North Down Borough Council in 1989, and in 1995 became Mayor of North Down, a post he used to criticise the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Nevertheless, during the peace process of recent years he remained enthusiastic about all-encompassing dialogue, Sinn Fein in-

Bradford was president of the Northern Ireland European Movement and in 1981 published his scond novel, The Last Ditch, a barely fictional account of a Stormont Prime Minister and his efforts to resist rule from Westminster. His last work, Rogue Warrior the SAS, a biography of Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. "Paddy" Mayne, was published in

Roy Bradford was a keen golfer and a member of the Noise Abatement Society. He was sworn of the Privy Council of Northerrn Ireland in

His wife Hazel, whom he married in 1946, predeceased him in 1994. He is survived by his two sons.



serving in Italy with the 8th Indian Divison

# Latest wills

Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, retired farmer, Parlia-mentary Under-Secretary of State Northern Ireland Office 1974-76, Minister for the Arts 1976-79, Director Royal Opera House 1958-74, of London SWill, left estate valued at £650,791 net.

Lady Clayton, wife of the late Sir Robert Clayton, of Stanmore, Middlesex, estate valued at £1,188,549 net.

She left shares in her residuary estate to set up a fund to be known as the Sir Robert and Lady Clayton Fund to the Master Fellows and Scholars of Christ's College. Cambridge University.

Lady Hall, first wife of Sir John Hall, Bt, of Albury, Ware, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £881,582 net. She left £2,500 to Albury

PCC, Hertfordshire; £1,500 to Haly Trinity Church, Brompton, London SW7; £500 each to Children of the Andes, London EC2, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund and Church of Scotland: £250 each to Hertfordshire Conservation Society and Home Farm Trust of Bristol and to Messrs Crouch and Haskings of Bishop's StortE ford, Hertfordshire, towards

their next Christmas party. Lady Jones, of Staplehurst. Kent, left estate valued at £208,370 net. Lady (Algie) O'Conner, of Amesbury, Wiltshire, left es-

tate valued at £447,709 net. Lady Worboys, of Guildford. Surrey, left estate valued at £1,579,083 net.

Meredith Noel Humphreys, chartered electrical engineer, of Llandudno, Gwynedd, left estate valued at £12,590,956 net. He left £2,000 to the Benevolent Fund of the Institute of Electrical Engineers. Derrick Allix Pease, of Lon-

don SW3, left estate valued at E6,040,951 net. Peter Lowsley Peake, of Rd. Guildford, Surrey, left estate valued at £4,382,608 net.

William James Austin, of Hatfield Peverel, Chelmsford, left estate valued at £2,501,863 Edith Clara Cobb, of

Liphook, Hampshire, left estate valued at £2,746,954 net. Arthur Kingscote Potter, retired civil servant, of Midhurst, West Sussex, left estate valued at £1,946,806

He left £1,000 each to Abbeyfield Society and L Barnardos.

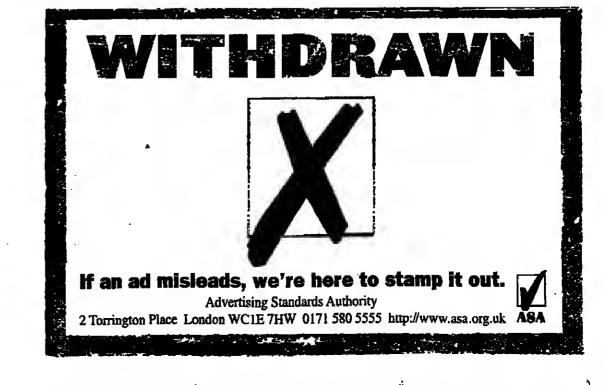
John Cedric Thistleton-Smith, of Fakenham, Norfolk, left estate valued at £1.615.310

He left £2,000 to the London Association for the Blind; £1.000 each 10 Wine Trade Foundation Society, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Norfolk County Crickel Club. £500 each to Malvern College. West Norfolk Cricket Club and Little Snoring Village Hall and Playing Field Associ-

Alan Thomson, of Carlton, Nottingham, left estate valued at £1.326,885 net. Robert David James Walk-

er, of London NWII, left estate

valued at £1,019,999 net. Alfred Lionel Frederick Woodiwiss, of London W4, left estate valued at £1,124,090



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#### NEWS

## **BSkyB** prepares United offer

■ Negotiations to finalise a formal offer for Manchester United of about £575 million from BSkyB were continuing last night, with at least two of the football club's directors arguing that the price was too low for a unique asset.

A number of politicians also expressed concern over any deal, including Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, who said that an investigation by the Office of Fair Trading was possible because of the profound consequences .......... Pages 1, 5, 28, 48

#### Yeltsin offers power-sharing

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#### Monarchy shake-up

Downing Street last night sought to distance itself from proposals for a radical shake-up of the monarchy drawn up by an influential New Labour think-tank.... Page I

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#### **Drug allegations**

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Shopping has become an accepted part of the British Sunday, with almost half of the country's stores opening and less than a quarter of shoppers opposed in principle to the practice, according to a new survey. The poll showed that many Britons buy leisure goods on their day of rest with 60 per cent of sports stores open on Sundays.



Ziggy, a 7-year-old tortoise, with Linda Jones at a meeting of the British Association of Tortoise Keepers in Droitwich, Worcestershire

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gained the third European Tour victory of his career by beating Patrik Sjoland, of Sweden, in a play-off for the European Page 26 Masters -Equestrianism: The formidable Blyth Tait, of New Zealand, won

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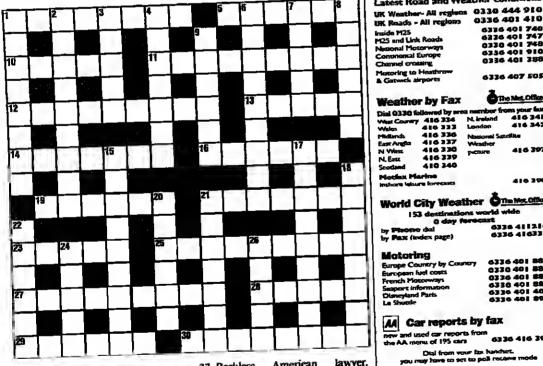
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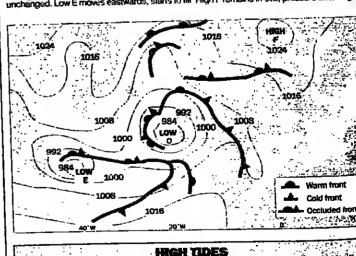
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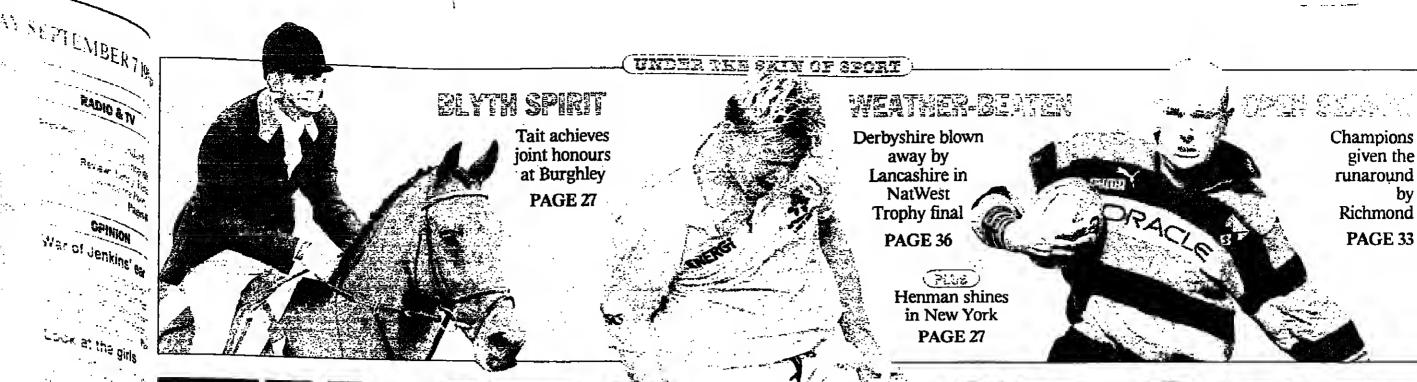
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England's poor display in Stockholm gave Hoddle few reasons to be cheerful. Yesterday, however, he argued that the 2-1 defeat against Sweden was not a calamity. Photograph: Russell Boyce

# Hoddle stays calm amid storms around England

FROM MATT DICKINSON IN STOCKHOLM

THE missiles are being hurled at him with increasing force and regularity, but still they bounce off Glenn Hoddle's wall of self-conceit. "Do I look like someone who is distraught?" the England coach asked on Saturday in the aftermath of England's 2-1 collapse in Sweden. To be fair to him, he did not.

Defeat at the Rasunda Stadium here, as Hoddle argued long and hard, was not a calamity. It has, though, further stocked the arsenal that can be turned on the England coach and the heavy shelling is likely to get worse before it gets any better. The ignominious display has

turned his next European Championship qualifying match, at home to Bulgaria in five weeks, into a mustwin game. Even from this distance, there is an ominous look of more

storms ahead. Hoddle will have to field a team that will certainly be without David Beckham and Paul Ince, who suspended; Darren Anderton and David Batty are highly doubtful. In short, he will be robbed of the heart of his team. What was already sure to be a tense occasion will now be a fraught one, and it will take more than the combined soothing powers of Eileen Drewery and Kenny G to guide

England safely through. Hoddle remains confident of qualification for the championships and one defeat was hardly likely to destroy that notion. As he was quick to point out on Saturday evening. England lost a World Cup qualifying game at home to Italy and still finished top of their group. "It's not a disaster," he said. "It is too early to

The coach's credibility is coming increasingly under siege however

and the defeat on Saturday made laughable the notion Hoddle expressed in his World Cup diary that "it should have been me" lifting the World Cup. If it did not sound like self-satisfying nonsense a week ago. it certainly does now.

Hoddle attempted to play down the effects of the endless book controversies, but his case was undermined by his own captain, who admitted that minds had been led astray by the serialisation sagas. How could it be any other way when so much unease has been allowed to fester?

"I couldn't understand how it all went wrong." Alan Shearer said, "and I don't think all the crap that went on before the game helped, all the stuff about books and all the publicity. It didn't affect me because

my skin is thick but it could have not be pressed and that there should affected others. One thing is for sure.

not be pressed and that there should be no speculation about Hoddle's job. it certainly didn't help.

"In the circumstances it is the worst possible result because we could have killed off all of this and instead we have allowed it to contin-

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ue. I wish we could play on Saturday and get this out of our system. Instead we have a long wait which

will allow it all to build up again."

Despite this pessimism, Shearer insisted that the panic button should

The England coach hardly helped himself in that regard, however, by initially declining opportunities to rule himself out of the running for the vacancy at his former club. Totten-

"I've got a contract with the Football Association for the next two years and there are talks around the corner," he said after much pressing. Nothing has changed from a few weeks ago. Of course it hurts, it hurts immensely. But there is a difference from the World Cup because this was the start of a campaign: Argentina

was the end." Hoddle must secure victories over Bulgaria and then away to Luxembourg next month to ensure that this

campaign still has plenty of life left in it, but his team is certain to be badly weakened, with Ince's dismissal on

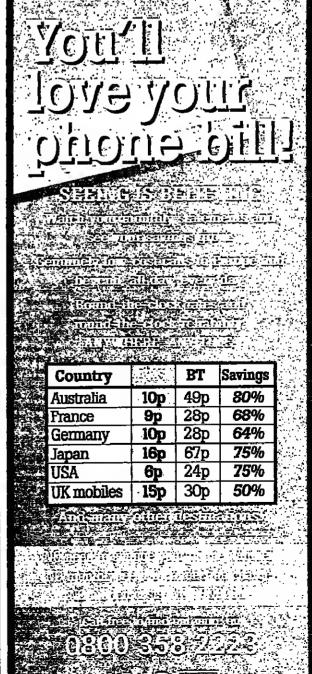
Saturday a terrible blow. The Liverpool midfield player is certain to be given a one-match ban. Worse could await if Pierluigi Collina, the Italian referee, reports the 30-year-old for his shameful actions on being shown the red card.

After screaming three words of abuse in the official's face - the nicest of which was "bald" - Ince had to be restrained by Shearer, and compounded his loss of temper by flicking a V-sign to the crowd as he walked to the tunnel. If any of the incidents are reported by Collina or Mathieu Sprengers, the Uefa delegate, Ince's suspension could be increased.

Anderton also seems certain to be absent. He had a scan on the knee which gave way in the first half and is expected to be oul for six to eight weeks with ligament strain. Mrs Drewery can expect a knock on the door. Batty is also struggling as he recovers from an operation on his Achilles tendon.

Beckham will still be suspended after his red card against Argentina during the World Cup, so after not having anyone dismissed since Ray Wilkins 12 years ago, England have now lost a player in successive games. While Hoddle can hardly be held entirely responsible for the discipline of his team, it hardly reflects well and even Michael Owen, booked for a wild lunge, appears to be suffering from frustration.

"He's got to learn to count to 10," Hoddle said. "He is still a youngster. I think there is probably too much heaped on his shoulders at this time with the hysteria," Hoddle might argue that he is suffering from similarly hysterical times, but he has only himself to blame for that.





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# Crawley cashes in as Lancashire win the lottery

By Alan Lee. cricket correspondent

LORD'S (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire beat Derbyshire by nine wickets

WHEN the rain relented, this was the fastest and flattest of all September cup finals, reduced by climate and circumstance to a mockery of a proper cricketing contest. ft will be remembered by pre-cious few outside the Lancadressing-room and should serve as conclusive proof that this showpiece of the season must be moved to a more auspicious time of year.

Next season, when domestic one-day cricket is revolutionised by a two-division league and an expanded NatWesi Trophy, the single remaining cup final will be played on the last Saturday of August — a step in the right direction when a couple of strides would

have been more appropriate. Timing cannot guarantee good weather, as the drenching of the last Benson and Hedges Cup final in July testifies, and there is a cosy sense of completion about the end-of-season final. But the game has moved on - it takes longer to play and carries far greater rewards than of old so it is an increasing anomaly to stage the biggest one-day match of summer when the

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severe and the weather variable.

This game lasted 67 overs and offered little more than four hours of cricket. Many of the capacity crowd on Saturday had gone home before play began at 4.30pm and the garne concluded yesterday in a ground three-quarters empty.

The groundsman was When the teams surveyed Mick Hunt's pitch on Friday it was hard, dry and chalk-while. By the time the covers came off, after 15 hours of rain, it was moist and tinged with green. Yet again, the toss was destined to decide a final that has now been won 12 times in 13 years by the side bowling first

It would almost certainly have been more competitive had Lancashire, demonstrably the better equipped team. been obliged to bat first. That said. Derbyshire could hardly have had a better start than an opening stand of 70 between Michael Slater and Kim

In their forthright and individual styles, they exploited some wayward opening overs

from Wasim Akram and Peter Martin. There was movement available but the bowlers could not control it, and when SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

8-2-19-4 (w. 2, 1 lour, 3-0-12-0, 6-2-7-4), Chapple 6-0-27-0 (1 so., 3 lours, one spall), Austin 10-5-14-3 (one spall): Flintoff 3-1-

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days are short, the dews Slater drove Glen Chapple over extra cover for six. Derby-shire were in improbable

It was a deceptively fragile platform. With the same speed that afternoon turned to eve-ning. Derbyshire contrived to lose seven wickets for 11 runs. If it sounds feebly submissive. it should be said that the bowling, from lan Austin and a refocused Martin, was close

to unplayable. Slater left berating himself for hitting across the line of a full-length ball from Austin. but the majority of those who subsequently came and went with bewildering speed were out to extravagant movement off the seam, their sins never more than nervy, minimal foot movement.

second spell Martin's brought him four for four in five overs, while Austin was exemplary throughout; but for an unfortunate four overthrows his figures would have been startling. In such quintessentially English conditions there is no more effective seam bowler.

If Austin wins a World Cup place, it may come at the expense of Dominic Cork, though the efforts of the Derbyshire captain here were irreproachable. With the bat, he survived until bad light curtailed play on Saturday and was then the victim of a dubious decision yesterday. With the ball, he tried valiant-

ly to defend the indefensible. Derbyshire's 108 was the lowest total by a side batting first in 36 finals. They had no logical hope but if Michael Atherton had been caught at slip, as he should have been, in Cork's first over, it might at least have given an edge to

proceedings. Instead, Lancashire's openers reached 28 before Cork moved one up the slope to hit Atherton's off stump and that only ushered in Neil Fairbrother to demonstrate why he, too, may have a World Cup role. With John Crawley striking the ball cleanly in the game's only half-century, it ended before lunch in dreadful anticlimax.



Atherton's off stump is removed by Cork at Lord's yesterday, Derbyshire's only success as Lancashire cruised to victory by nine wickets

# Wasim celebrates a valedictory triumph

Michael Henderson sees the Lancashire captain preparing to ed the NatWest Troleave on a high after victory in the Natwest Trophy at Lord's

behalf of Lancashire and then, with hand on heavy heart, confessed how much he would miss them. The Pakistan all-rounder, who first played for the county in 1988, will leave Old Trafford al the end of the season to widespread gratitude for his past deeds, and everybody's best wishes for the future.

At a committee meeting tonight, by which time Lancashire may have added the Axa League to the cup they won yesterday, the club will ap-point John Crawley as their new captain. They will also decide to go ahead with the recruitment of Muttiah on next year, after the World dressing-room and, in his first Muralitharan, the Sri Lanka Cup, nobody can conquer year as captain, he has presidoff spinner, as their overseas

player. They have spoken to him and he has agreed to join

Wasim has played fair by the club, informing them earlier this year that their requirement was a spin bowler. preferably an off spinner, and therefore to approach Muralitharan, who bowled out Eogland at the Oval last week.

It will be hard for Wasim to leave. He has a house in Cheshire and is genuinely fond of the club and its players, but he realises that, though he might like to play on next year, after the World time. He is coming to the end ed over a successful team. Lord's for Wasim and he has can match that.

of his benefit season, which seems an appropriate time to take his leave.

"I told them I was available next year," he said, "but I will be happy with whatever they decide. I have enjoyed the best part of my career with Lancashire and, whatever happens in the future, I will always want them to do well."

Although Lancashire's in-tentions may be for the best, it will strike outsiders as an odd time for Wasim to be going. He remains a magnificent bowler, is popular in the

Apart from the Sunday league, they are also third in the county championship with a genuine chance of winning it outright for the first time since 1934.

Yesterday, in a poor final ruined utterly by the foul weather on Saturday, they proved much too strong for Derbyshire, who lost a toss that both captains admitted was crucial. The ball that Dominic Cork found to dismiss Michael Atherton was probably the only happy memory that Derbyshire will take away from Lord's.

Atherton, Warren Hegg and Ian Austin have appeared in eight, because they played on the winning side twice in 1996. when Wasim was leading the Pakistan touring side, but top of the list is Neil Fairbrother, who has seven medals from. his ten finals. When you throw in a World Cup final at Melbourne in 1992, he truly is the master finalist and yesterday it was his honour to hit the winning run. The man-ofthe match award went to Austin, who now holds the individual medals for both knockout finals. He won the other two years ago, against Northamptonshire in Benson and Hedges Cup. Only Clive Radley, the salty

been a winner four times



Lloyd: considered position

DAVID LLOYD suffered three days of mental turmoil before pledging, yesterday, to continue as England coach. Distressed by the events of last week, when he received what amounted to a final warning to control his public comments and conduct. Lloyd seriously contemplated resignation before being won over by the entreaties of those closest to him.

"I felt I had to spend some time considering my position." he said yesterday. "It's been a very difficult week for me, but I have received overwhelming support from the public, both through letters and from those I've met. Reactions like ments in and around the team are being appreciated.

# Lloyd pulled back from the brink

The England players and staff have also been very supportive and I've no wish to let any of them down with a big winter ahead. This is a wonderful job and I remain very

positive about it." Lloyd, close to the edge on Friday and wondering whether his position had been rendered untenable. was bombarded with backing, even from his predecessor. Raymond

Illingworth. The most pertinent calls, though, came from England players, including the captain. Alec Stewart. and from the coachine and techni-

cal team. Several of the staff colloquially known as Team England - were apparently intent on resigning in sympathy if Lloyd had felt obliged to stand down, a measure of the intense loyalty that

he commands.

Lloyd will wisely keep his own counsel over any dismay at the proceedings that followed his remarks about Muthah Muralitharan, the Sri Lanka off spinner. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), though, may have

GOLF: GERMAN GAINS THIRD TOUR VICTORY AFTER WINNING PLAY-OFF

handled the issue as badly as Lloyd

initially handled himself. As the ECB's first responsibility is to its own employees, and through them the health of the national team, it might have been assumed that it would instinctively support and protect Lloyd, even amid the public need to reprimand him. Instead. in a sequence of ways, it left him open to feelings of

First. Richard Peel, the director

precarious neglect. of corporate affairs, created a media feeding frenzy by saying that Lloyd "could be sacked" -- a contingency that virtually no one had considered. Then, at the inquiry that followed, Lloyd was left to

feel that he had to operate in future like a man walking on rare china.

Remarkably, I understand, the
comment for which he was reprimanded was not contained in the widely-quoted television interview, which the Board considered acceptable. It was when he said, in response to questioning at a press conference, that he would be "niaking his views known to the

authorities", that the Board took

Lloyd, in fact, had already made those views known by writing to the match referee before the Oval Test match. Nevertheless. Tim Lamb, the ECB chief executive, saw the remarks as needlessly endan-

gering good relations with his Sri Lankan counterparts. There is a theory that Graham Gooch is being lined up to replace Lloyd. There are those observers who feel a change would be a good

The players, however, and all those closest to them do not agree. which is a powerful reason why the Board should now be ensuring that the incumbent coach feels more wanted and comfortable.

ICE HOCKEY

## Eagles soar as new-look Cup begins

AYR Scottish Eagles started the new season just as they ended the old one: bearing Cardiff Devils. Third period goals by Mark Montenari, Sam Groleau and Dennis Purdie helped them to a 5-4 success in their opening match in the Benson and Hedges Cup (Norman de Mesquita

London Knights, the newcomers, went down 6-2 to Nottingham Panthers, Jamie Leach and Sieve Roberts each scored twice for the Panthers. Manchester Storm prevailed over Sheffield Steelers by the odd goal in seven, thanks to a late goal from Jelf Tomlinson. Kevin Hoffman gave them the lead after only five minutes and they were never headed.

Bracknell Bees edged Newcastle Riverkings 4-3, with Sal Manganaro scoring twice and Shane McCosh getting the decider.

This season, the Superleague and British National League (BNL) teams are being kept apart until the quarter-final stage to climinate one-sided games. In the two groups featuring the BNL clubs. Slough Jets were the only winners, 5-4 at home to Guildford Flames, while the other two games - Fife Flyers against Paisley Pirates and Kingston Hawks against Peterborough Pirates - were

## Lovatt takes honours in grand prix

MARK LOVATT, normally a worker bee for the Ambrosia team, had the best win of his ten-year career yesterday when he went clear with five miles remaining in the 103-mile Brian Rourke grand prix near Stone, Staffordshire (Peter Bryan writes).

Ten miles earlier, the result had looked signed and sealed for Jon Clay. Team Brite's captain with four Premier Calendar event victories to his credit this season, who led a successful escape from the leading bunch of ten accom-panied by Lovatt and Rob Lyne.

Clay's bid proved shortlived, however, he suf-fered hunger "knock" and could not hold the pace. leaving his two companions the stronger. Lovatt put in bis decisive solo attack on a slight rise and shed Lyne, who finished 45sec behind. Clay found something of a sprint to take third place. Imin Hsec

after Lovan crossed the line. There is only one event remaining in the 19-race Premier Calendar competition which Chris Newton (Brite) has already won.

☐ Jeroen Blijlevens, the Dutch TVM rider, won the second stage of the Tour of Spain after a sprint finish in Cadiz yesterday. Marcus Zberg. of Switzerland. kept the overall lead.

**CYCLING** 

# Struver reveals nerves of steel

FROM MEL WEBB IN CRANS-SUR-SIERRE

IT WAS tense: it was enough to make the blood run cold in this mountain eyrie perched 5.000 feet up the Swiss Alps. The Canon European Masiers went into only its second playoff in the past ien years yesterday, and the man who summoned up the nerves of steel was Sven Struver, who overcame Patrik Sjoland. the long-time leader, at the first extra hole.

The personable German thus gained the third Euro-pean Tour victory of his career after he had fled with Sjoland. who is fast becoming one of the standard-bearers of Swedish golf, on 263, 21 under par. Darren Clarke made some progress in his season-long joust with Lee Westwood for top place in the Order of Merit the Ulsterman closing

to within £5,500 of the Englishman. Sjoland's failure to win cost him the chance to replace Colin Monigomerie in third place in the money-list. Montgomerie, meanwhile. was in full red-faced paddy mode after spoiling an excellent inward half by doublebogeying the last. Under-standable, really: the poor chap has only won £455,000

this season. Such matters of high finance did not really concern Struver, Miraeles excepted, he is not remotely likely to intrude in such stellar affairs. although victory did promote

him from 39th in the Order of Merit to twelfth. For him, the glory in this victory, quite aside from the warm feeling that winning conveys, was the £133,330 that he took home to Hamburg. Struver's previous two wins
the 1996 South African PGA

and the 1997 Durch Open were both worthy ones but, in terms of kudos, this was by a margin the most presogious. He has not been in serious trouble of losing his player's card since he qualified for and time in as many years in 1991; this victory, with its fiveyear exemption, guarantees him his place well into the

He did it the hard way, too. He started the day four strokes adrift of Sjoland who. it appeared, needed only to keep control of the form that



Struver: upset the odds

he had produced over the first three days to claim his second victory of the season.

If that was his aim, he failed. When set alongside the confident 66 of Struver, his closing 70 was an untidy. uncoordinated performance.
"I did not play well enough on

# Gustafson blows in

SOPHIE GUSTAFSON. of weden, claimed the £15,000 winner's cheque after 60mph winds wiped out the final round of the Donegal Irish Open at Ballyliffin yesterday. Organisers were left with little choice but to abandon the competition, but Gustafson and the joint third-round leader. Iben Tinning, of Denmark, fought out the title in a sudden-death play-off.

Gustafson, who will make

her Solheim Cup debut later green at the 367-yard 18th, and a par four was good enough for the 24-year-old to add the title to her only previous tour win to the 1996 Swiss Open.

Tinning, who has never

finished higher than fourth in two years on lour, drove into the rough and took a disappointing three more to reach the green for a double-bogey

he was right. The way he played the 18th hole, both in regulation play and play-off, encapsulated the difference between his golf and that of his conqueror. On the 72nd hole of the tournament. Sjoland put his second shot to 15 feet and sent his birdie pun charging 4½ feet past. Struver, meanwhile, rolled in his pun from five feet for a birdic 10 put the piece into extra time.

There was nothing to choose between the two protagonists as they loosed their drives off the 18th tee for the second time in the day: both in the middle of the fairway, both set fair. There was not a great deal to choose between them, either, on the second shot: Sjoland 12 feet away. Struver a couple of

feet inside him. So, now, the marathon of the previous four days, traips-ing for miles at altitude, had come down to a simple putting contest. Now he whose nerves afflicted him less would prevail, and that man was

Sjoland missed his birdie putt from 12 feet by inches. This was Struver's chance. and he took it quite beautifully, rolling the ball in smoothly from ten feet. He had stuck to his task and upset the odds as they were laid at the start of the day. Victory, especially such a hard-earned one as this, was sweet.

# Doohan closes gap after Imola victory

SPORT IN BRIEF

MOTORCYCLING: Michael Doohan, of Australia, won his fifth 500cc grand prix of the season at Imola yesterday. The world champion finished ahead of Alex Criville, of Spain. Doohan is now only four points behind

Max Biaggi, of Italy, in the world championship.

The World Superbike championship is also heading for a close finish after wins for Carl Fogarty and Pier-Francesco Chili in round II at Assen, Holland, Six points separate the leader. Troy Corser, from Aaron Slight and Fogarty with one round to go.

# Patriots are back on top

BASEBALL: Menwith Hill Patriots re-established themselves as Britain's top team yesterday, winning the Coors League series by taking the second game of the best-of-three final against London Warriors, the 1997 champions, 17-15 at Pavilion Field, Brighlon. The Patriots, an all-American team from a US military base in Yorkshire, had to fend off a London recovery as the Warriors came back from 17-9 in the eighth inning.

## Senden holds his nerve

■ GOLF: A par at the first hole of a sudden-death play-off was enough to give John Senden, of Australia, the Open de Strasbourg title over Daren Lee, of Essex, yesterday. The two had tied on 276, 12 under par, at La Wantzenau. Senden after a closing 68 to Lee's 70. At the first play-off hole. Lee found the bunker and the water for a bogey five, while Senden took two putts to take the £7,309 first prize.

# McGwire homing in

BASEBALL Mark McGwire, of the St Louis Cardinals, became only the third player in Major League history to score 60 home runs in a season with a 381-foot hit against the Cincinani Reds on Saturday. He is now tied with Babe Ruth for the second highest number of home runs in a season and needs one to tie Roger Maris's record,

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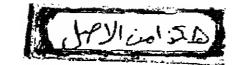
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# Henman still searching for authority to fulfil potential

The Tim-watching sea-son has an extension. for those who truly care. No longer is tennis restricted to an annual fortnight of orgiastic television. For tennis lans - a quite different genus from Wimbledon fans — today's endiess and seamless output of television sports now brings an additional treat with live coverage of the US Open.

It has always been my favourite grand-slam event to visit, because of its excellent tennis and my own impossibly romantic feelings about New York. It vexes me, the way people complain about its various ghastlinesses: noise. New Yorkers, concrete, food. I always travelled to Flushing Meadows by subway,

reading my latest plunder from Strand bookstore, and nightly dined on a "mozarella, tomayto and baysil butty. And revelled in the tennis which, being on splendidly appropriate concrete, lacks both the dainty brutalities of Wimbledon and the eternal chicaoeries of Parisian

Clay. On Sunday morning. Greg Rusedski made his third-round exit around about the hour the Gestapo come to call. Poor old Greg looked rather a mess; since the ankle injury that caused him to abandon Wimbledon in the year that he really believed he might win it, he has been walking around the world like Charlie Brown, beneath his personal

In New York this weekend, he looked rather more like Basil Fawlty as painted by Edvard Munch: perhaps the thing that most upset him, as he went down to Jan Siemerink, was the thought that Henman was still alive

and kick-serving in this tour-nament. And, by the same token, perhaps the most dispiriting thing for Henman as he set aboul his malch with the German, Michael Kohlmann, was the thought that Rusedski had already gone. Perhaps the most interesting thing about Henman is Rusedski: perhaps the most

interesting thing about Rus-edski is Henman. The success and failure of each is connected in the most extraordinary and intimate fashion.



Success for the one is almost invariably followed by greater success for the other. Then comes a period in which they seem to take turns waxing and waning at the other's

The performance of the one invariably affects the performance of the other, sometimes the most terrible depressant. Each is unable to do anything in isolation; they know everyis simply no escape from each

They are doomed, it seemed, to spend their tennis lives as one half of this rivalry/pact/duumvirate. Their fales are caugh) up doomed to spend their lives trapped in the other's gravita-

tional system, like twin suns. And I have an odd feeling that it was Rusedski's thirdround. Fawlty-esque collapse - thank you, God! Thank you so bloody much! - thal somehow disinspired Henman when British tennis came back to British screens on Sunday tea-time, which is also time for morning coffee and

Greg had already gone, that

ment - for each, perhaps, the crucial lournament in every Grand Slam - had already been won, Henman found it hard to play serious tennis. The spirit was willing, but the backhand was weak. So was the service: at one point in the

second set he had a first

service success percentage of

less than 40 per cent. Not

tournament within a tourna-

good enough. Dropping his service, trail-ing 3-5, he then managed to get bimself going, took the second set 7-5. And then did that little skip of self-approval that you sometimes see from him at moments of height-ened emotion. Then came disaster in the third set, serious embarrassment, after

which he showed his basic

set and the match

Gerry Williams, commenting on Sky, said at the start that he believed Henman was ready to take his place among the same's clite. "His potential." Williams said, "is limitless." But there comes a time in the life of every promising young man when he just has

to stop being one. And start delivering. Henman has done amazingly well. no question about that, But, if he is to do better - if he is to fulfil the things on the far edge of potential -- then there is one single thing that he needs to add to his game. Sampras has it. Henman does not - as we saw in their titanic match at Wimbledon this year. And it is authority.

# Beaten Rusedski overtaken as British No 1 by rival's advance to fourth round of US Open

# Victory ranks with Henman's sweetest

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

IT WAS a big day for Tim Henman and he promptly celebrated by dismissing Michael Kohlmann in four sets to reach the fourth round of the US Open here yesterday. The occasion of his 24th birthday was further embellished by the fact that he had just replaced Greg Rusedski as the best of British.

Rusedski's five-set defeat by Jan Siemerink, of Holland, will see his world ranking drop to the low teens when the ladder is updated next week. Whatever Henman's ultimate fate at Flushing Meadows, be is bound to be ranked higher. thus leapfrogging Rusedski 12 months to the day that he was himself supplanted in the national pecking order.

The portents were in place for a champagne performance and Henman opened his match with rare effervescence: He set about Kohlmann as though bent on an early lunch. The No 2 Stadium Court marked the scene of his last two exits from the US Open. and Henman seemed determined to expunge the memory. As if to underline the point. he opened and closed the first set with aces to exacerbate the German's discomfort with his first glimpse of a big stage.

World ranked No 149, Kohlmann had played but a solitary match on the main tour before qualifying for this event. A succession of injuries have plagued him since he was the leading German 16-and-under player eight years ago. That prowess became evident in the second set, when Kohlmann led 4-1 and then served to level matters at 5-3, but when Henman responded to win the next four games, he appeared set for a routine afternoon.

What happened next should serve as a salient reminder. Henman promptly lost concentration, his foundering ground strokes reviving Kohlmann's spirits to the extent that he ran away with the third set. Henman's selfadmonishment was both peronent and clearly audible around the stadium: "Concentrate, for Christ's sake, focus." Henman arrested his lapse at the start of the fourth set.



Henman delivers another winning forehand against Kohlmann at Flushing Meadows yesterday. Photograph: Don Emmert

Previously hesitant and exposed on the baseline, he returned to his aggressive instincts to triumph 6-3, 7-5. I-6, 6-4 in two hours 31 minutes. "He was moving unbelievably at the net," Kohlmann said. "I knew that if I didn't hit the line on my passing shots, I would have little chance."

Unlike his rivals Pete Sampras, Pat Rafter, Andre Agassi and Jonas Bjorkman, Henman expended too much energy against his journeyman opponent for comfort. Still, he remains relatively fresh for his match tomorrow the winner between

Mark Philippoussis and Lucas Arnold. A quarter-final place is at stake.

The bottom collapsed from Rusedski's barrel late on Saturday night when the No 6 seed, his resources stretched by successive five-set matches. finally gave oul in another marathon against Siemerink. Surviving three match points in his first two matches only earned Rusedski a stay of execution. The guillotine thus fell on a player whose preparation for this tournament was

far from ideal. Rusedski's disappointment was heightened by the fact that this was a match he could and should have won. The fates that favoured him throughout last week suddenly reclaimed their debt as Rusedski served poorty and volleyed erratically. Further-more, a series of foot faults triggered a running diatribe with the umpire, which served world ranked No 21, regularly double-faulted at pivotal moments, Rusedski was unable

to fracture his concentration: to capitalise. "I put myself in a lot of difficulty by not serving well." Rusedski said. "I have had a very disappointing grand-slam season [two firstround and two third-round

exits]. I just don't like to be

Although he saved three further match points, the Briton converted but three of 18 break points within Siemerink's 4-6, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 triumph. The turning point came when Rusedski, ahead by two sets to one, was foot faulted on a second service at deuce and 1-1 in the fourth. He

was promptly broken. Exhaustion overcame the Briton in the deciding set, the legacy of a preparation compromised by the sprained ankle he suffered three months ago. In that respect, his misguided attempt to play

cannot have helped.

Rusedski's efforts to re-group start with an appearance for Britain against India later this month. After that, he has important rankings points Eurpoean indoor season.

"It will be a fight to the end of the year to finish in the top ten." Rusedski said before acknowlegding Henman's effort in supplanting him. "Tim deserves it. He had a great run at Wimbledon and has played well through the summer, but I will be back." The resiliance he showed in reaching the third round is evidence of that

# Seles taken the distance as Po sees the light

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN NEW YORK

the middle Sunday of the US Open dawned, all but six of the 32 seeds, men and women. were still in business, leading to a nagging feeling that it is all about to go horribly wrong. Sure enough there have been a few scares along the way, but those who should have won have come up trumps while the rest have known their place and lost accordingly.

The nearest thing to a giantkiller in the women's draw comes in the 5ft 4in form of Kimberly Po. Reaching the fourth round for the first time in her career, she defeated the No 14 seed, Dominique van Roost, in her previous match, not that anyone nooced, and was setting her sights on Monica Seles for a shot at the quarter-finals.

Wearing sunglasses and a baseball cap, Po was travel-ling incognito to the Arthur Ashe Stadium. She looked like a club player, neat, ridy and anonymous, and altogether out of place on such a show

But that is how she feels about tennis in general. One of the brighter lights on the women's tour and a former UCLA student, she spent six months away from the game earlier this year recovering from surgery on her shoulder and came to the conclusion that tennis is not a real job for a grown-up with a brain.

Able to talk about things other than forehands and backhands, and it is alarming how rare that is among the players. Po is thinking seriously of retiring at the end of this year. Not that that stopped her from putting body and soul

into her Open run. She took her time to settle down. "I was thinking too much about who I was playing and where," she said. "You have to fight against the feeling that, because you're playing Monica Seles, you have to do more, hit better, hit lines, hit perfect shots. But you

"I just tried to play within

IT IS all too quiet out there. As myself and not worry so much about who I'm playing." Once her nerves were under control. Po started to give Seles a rough ride, Although she is himing the ball as hard as ever. Seles is not looking particularly sharp at the moment.

Overweight and not as fit as she was earlier this summer. she is not controlling the points and the rallies as in days of old and, once Po got her eye in, she had to work very hard to pull out the

All looked to be well as Seles sat at a set and 41 up but proceeded to lose the next five games. Forced into a third set. she did not look happy.

Grunting louder and loud-

er, always a sign that Seles is opening up the throttle and



Seles: made to struggle

going for broke, she finally made the breakthrough in the fifth game, absolutely leathering a backhand renirn. Finally ahead, she was not going to give away such a precious lead

Next on the agenda is likely to be Martina Hingis, and Seles knows that she is going to have to be a lot more consistent and a lot more aggressive if she is to progress any further at Flushing Meadows. The two last met in August in Canada with Seles winning in three sets, but that was three weeks and several excess pounds ago. It will be a lot tougher this time.

ROWING: PINSENT ENSURES EASY PASSAGE TO SEMI-FINAL FOR BRITAIN'S FLAGSHIP CREW

# Coxless four fight off late challenge

BRITAIN'S flagship coxless four cruised to a comfortable win in the first day of the world championships here yesterday. Norway and Egypt threw everything at the Briosh in the first half - to no avail - before suffering the

consequences. The Americans mounted a second half challenge, but stroke man Matthew Pinsent, kept his men at a leisurely rate to cruise home in front and qualify for Thursday's semi-final. "We are a lot better than last year. We have more smoothness, we are longer, and more under control, Jürgen Grobler, the head coach, said.

Miriam Batten and Gillian Lindsay also progressed to Thursday's women's double sculls semi-final with a smooth and controlled race. Their win was the fastest of the three heats, faster not only at the finish but at every signal up the course. As a pointer, the Dutch 1998 World Cup champions Van Dishoeck and Van Nes, winners of the second fastest heat, were a full Ihree seconds slower to halfway. It was a relief that the British doubles lack of racing practice this summer

had not produced rustiness. Cath Bishop and Doi Blackie, World Cup champions but disappointing at Lucerne, produced a race of two halves. At 1,000 metres they were fourth and looking heavy. The pair then seemed to wake up, passing Russia and Romania and submitting Emma Robinson and Alison Corn, the Canadian world champions, to real pressure at the line. The British

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL IN COLOGNE

face a repechage tomorrow, but their confidence should be high. It was a morale-boosting day for Britain's three scullers who all showed that they had moved up a notch since Lucerne. All finished second, although only first would have avoided tomorrow's repechages. Greg Searle, easing up before the line, followed home Rob Waddell, of New Zealand, in a time faster than the winners of the other three heats. No mean feat seeing the other winners were the Swiss Olympic champion, Xeno Muller, and the former world champions,

Iztok Cop, of Slovenia, and Vaclav Chalupa, of the Czech Republic. Times can be deceptive but Searle's style and motivation seem to have

returned. Peter Haining, Britain's unbeat-able lightweight from 1993 to 1995. was bettered by his old American rival, James Martinez, by a length. again in a very fast heat. Haining was taken by surprise by the American's spurt at 750 metres and never got back, stating wryly: "There are seven people for six places in the final. I'll make sure t am not the seventh." The same

scenario applies to Guin Batten in second place behind Germany's multi-gold medal-winner, Katrin Rutschow. Batten has a good repechage draw for tomorrow.

The main disappointment of the day was a lacklustre performance by the men's lightweight eight. They were well beaten into second place by the United States, the only major crew in the event not bettered by the British this year. although Germany and Italy, both beaten by Britain at Lucerne, led home the other heat in a faster time, perhaps giving hope if Britain hit their previous form.



Concerted effort: Drew Ginn and Michael McKay, of Australia, take the strain in the caxless pairs

**EQUESTRIANISM:** NEW ZEALANDERS DOMINATE HORSE TRIALS

# Tait adds Burghley success to impressive list of honours

BLYTH TAIT, of New Zealand, who had been on the verge of withdrawing Chesterfield from the Burghley Pedigree Chum Horse Trials after finishing a disappoint-ing twelfth in the dressage, not only won the event with the Haglund Partnership's 12-year-old gelding but was also runner-up on his second horse. Aspyring, owned by the Kiwi Belles Syndicate.

"I'm chuffed to bits," Tait, 37. said after completing one of only four clear rounds in the showjumping phase yesterday. Only his compatriot, Mark Todd, who was first and second at Burghley in 1987, has performed a

In a formidable line-up of New Zealanders, Andrew Nicholson finished third after a faultless round on David and Jane Tolley's Hinnegar. Britain's best performance came from Jancis Tulloch, who was fourth on Bally Free. Tulloch, 36, who had the fastest time across country, was lying third but dropped a place yesterday after incurring 15 faults.

Although Tait, who picked up £26,000 in prize-money, has won most of the sport's top honours he is a former world champion and the Olympic, British Open and Scottish Open champion - this is his first win at Burghley.

Had it not been for the mayhem on Saturday's cross-country he might well have remained down

By JENNY MACARTHUR

the line. But the rain turned the speed and endurance phase into a survival course. Of the 56 who set out on the cross-country, 32 were eliminated or retired, including Mark Todd, with Stunning, and such seasoned partnerships as Victoria Sinnatt's Staks and Carolyne Ryan-Bell's Hooray Hen-

Tait, drawn first, had the advantage of better going and, despite a near fall at Mark Phillips' influential new fence, the Podium Bounces, went into the lead and retained it throughout the long day. But the course had left its mark. "It was a funny feeling on Saturday

Tait: double delight

night," Tait said. "It didn't feel at all uplifting because it had been

such a miserable day." Phillips, the course designer, who had been determined to maintain a true four-star track despite the weak field, was in contemplative mood afterwards. The weather altered everything. I had not expected the steeplechase phase to take such a heavy toll on the horses," he said.

Twenty-three of the original 65 starters were left to contest the showjumping yesterday - in which the effect of the cross-country was quickly apparent. Six riders had 20 or more faults - including the British riders Ruth Friend on ice Dancer II and Andrew Bennie on Wottabert. Poles tumbled in all directions to the monotonous accompaniment of a toddler in the front row of the stands who sang out "oh dear" as each fell,

Tail dropped to fourth place after hitting fence No 3 but he moved into the lead after Tulloch collected her 15 faults and Daniel Jocelyn, of New Zealand, incurred 20 faults on the eight-year-old Silence, dropping from third to lifth place.

Knowing he would still win on Aspyring if he had a calamity on Chesterfield, there was little pressure on Tail for his final round. But Chesterfield completed a faultless round and was greeted with tumultuous applause as he crossed the finish line.

# A marriage made in heaven for United followers

en days ago, a small group of my colleagues had the misfortune to find themselves in a bar in the less than salubrious city of Lodz. They spent a few minutes chatting to Martin Edwards, the Manchester United chairman. who was in Poland, like them, to see his team seal its admission to the Champions' League this

When Edwards and his entourage left, the journalists were immediately accosted by some of the club's supporters. The supporters were angry, not at anything that had been written about their heroes on the pitch, but because they had seen the journal-ists consorting with Edwards.

On that evening in Lodz, this group who, by virtue of being in

Poland, must count among United's most devoted followers, poured out their disdain for Edwards; for the shabby way he tried to sell the club to Michael Knighton a decade ago and for the way they imagined he had be-trayed them by failing to bring the biggest names to Old Trafford during the summer.

Yesterday, though, the deeply rooted conservatism that all honest football supporters recognise in themselves swept that disdain away in a moment of irrational panic caused by the fear of change. Suddenly news of BSkyB's proposed £575 million takeover of the club sent them scurrying back to the dubious safety of the devil you know. How dare Edwards leave them in the clutches of such a man as Rupert

Oliver Holt, football correspondent, on a deal that will prompt such as Barcelona. I

protests but should be a source of rejoicing at Old Trafford

Murdoch, was the tenor of what

And yet, whatever the wider bjections to BSkyB owning the most powerful FA Carling Pre-miership club, whatever scheduling problems it might throw up in the future, whatever accusations of favouritism or manipulation it might spawn from other clubs who might be jealous of Old Trafford's ever-expanding profile, in football terms the news yesterday can mean only one thing: more power to Manchester Uni-

f spoke to a fervent Arsenal fan

yesterday, a committed Chelsea supporter and a friend of mine who recently bought one of those Leeds shirts with "We 8 United" emblazoned on the back. They all spoke with one voice. All they could see was a black image of Alex Ferguson spitting banknotes at the world's best players and a United team strengthening its grip on the Premiership.

They had their concerns, of course, about money and business. grabbing an ever-greater market. share in the sport they love but their biggest fear was that BSkyB would snatch away one of their greatest sources of satisfaction in recent years: the fact that United constantly seem to miss out on the world-class talents.

With BSkyB in charge and

desperate to maintain United as football's entertainment flagship, attractive football and charismatic figures will be de rigeur. Next time Marcelo Salas, Patrick Kluivert, Denilson, Zinedine Zidane, Alan Shearer, Michael Owen or Ronaldo becomes available. United supporters are unlikely to find themselves having to swallow the humiliation of being neatly sidestepped for a "big dub" When they realise the futility and hypocrisy of their plans for a demonstration against the sell-out before the home match with Charlton Athletic on Wednesday. United supporters may realise that this is the takeover they had always dreamt of. This is the equivalent of having a Massimo Moratti or a Gianni Agnelli at the helm, a controlling interest where money is no object, a group that will make Jack Walker look like a

ten-penny benefactor. Look, for instance, at what Murdoch's involvement has done for the Los Angeles Lakers franchise in the National Baskethall Association. It helped to transform it from a team living meekly in the shadow of the great days of

Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to one revitalised by the £70 million signing of one of the sport's biggest stars, Shaquille O'Neal, and the development of the league's equivalent of Michael Owen, Kobe Bryant.

That many will have misgivings

about Rupert Murdoch's per-crived hold on English sport is inevitable. Fears that it will fuel the process of polarisation under way in the Premiership as the big clubs get bigger, are also under

standable.

But for United fans to tail against the takeover is like a group of lottery winners covering their ears when Camelot rings. with the good news. It is for the rest of football to worry. United supporters should sit back and enjoy the ride.

FOOTBALL

# McCarthy puts seal on new era

AS THE Ireland supporters stood outside Rumm's Bar next to Lansdowne Road, conducting their celebrations on the kerbside, the team coach swept past. A huge roar went up from the drinkers in green until they swiftly realised that the bus was empty except for a few bemused passengers.

After a moment's hesitation and much laughter, the cheers continued. Anybody with even the most tenuous link to the team was worth a shout, worth congratulating, in the afterglow of new-found pride and belief. Ireland had beaten Croatia, the third best team in the world, and the Guinness already flowed freely. It would be a long night.

Victory means everything in football and if the display is impressive too, so much the better. Ireland deserved their triumph and were 2-0 ahead and calmly in control before Croatia lost Stanic and Jurcic, sent off within a minute of each other midway through the second half.

The object of their displeasure, for some obscure reason. was Staunton, the Liverpool defender. Stanic was booked for fouling him and then, soon after, took him out near the touchline. Red card. Jurcic did the same only seconds later, again in an area of no apparent danger, and was similarly

dispatched. Croatia had self-destructed. not unlike their volatile quarter-final exit against Germany during Euro 96, and the respect gained from reaching the World Cup semi-finals less than nine weeks ago had vanished in a trice. They will recover - group eight of the 2000 European championship qualifying series has many miles to travel - but it was not an auspicious start.

For Ireland, hope springs eternal. And perhaps, at last, it is tinged with hard fact, a genuine and now growing feeling that the exciting exploits of Jack Charlton can be emulated by Mick McCarthy. his successor as Ireland coach. McCarthy had predicted success for his young bucks against a Croana side shorn of the talents of Bilic. Suker. Boksic, Vlaovic and Prosi-

Roy Keane, the newly appointed captain, led by examalways available in midfield and encouraging his team-mates at every turn, while Kinsella provided fur-



ther evidence that Charlton Athletic, his club, have a better pedigree - collectively and individually - than most might think. His shot against the crossbar, shortly before Stanic and Jurcle departed, merited greater reward.

McCarthy, though express-ing his delight, could not resist a subile dig at his detractors. "It was a good start," he said, "but was it due to Roy Keane or was it down to the absence of Suker, Boksic, etc? I suppose it depends on what sort of slant you want to put on it.

"I said we'd win. Whether it was bravado, macho nonsense or belief, you decide, but it was a relief to have done so. I took over in February 1996 but only now is it a new era. My cards were on the table for this one. It was my squad, my team . . . and we won.

After four minutes, Irwin plunged between Jurcic and Jami. fell to ground and, subsequently, converted the penalty. Whether such good fortune can be expected in Belgrade, where Ireland play Yugoslavia next month, is debatable. Eleven minutes later Roy Keane guided in McAteer's deflected drive

"Ireland must be one of the big favourites to qualify." Miroslav Blazevic, the Croaria coach, said. "I was not surprised by their strength." New era, new dawn or whatever, the Ireland team - McCarthy's team - made a big impression. Not least in Rumm's Bar.

Rumm's Bair.

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Retener V. M. Miclo Percira (Portugal)



Coleman, the Wales defender, appreciates the consequences of his error while the Italians celebrate the crucial first goal at Anfield on Saturday

# Giggs unable to bridge the class divide

ANFIELD served Wales on Saturday while the National Stadium in Cardiff is rebuilt. and more than 23,000 people. stirringly led by the Rhos Orpheus Choir, almost transformed Liverpool into the land of their fathers for this European championship qualifying match.

In response, the players gave their all. Ryan Giggs from Staunton's corner. moved as gracefully as Roberto Baggio, but Welsh hwyl succumbed to a dreadful error, to a cruel stroke of misfortune, to an exquisite final goal, and to the inevitable conclusion that one worldclass player is no match for half a team of them. The start of Dino Zoff's

reign as the Italy coach, and the continuing struggle of Bobby Gould to stretch slender resources, scarcely needed explanations. The media demands them, nevertheless, even when, as on Saturday, they were conducted by searchlights in a car park surrounded by fire engines and police horses. A shrill siren, a false alarm, had rapidly cleared the dressingrooms and the stands. Zoff, as solid and defiant as e: V M Molo Percira (Portugal)

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when he stood in the Italy goal for 112 caps, was interrogated on his selections. Why start with Alessandro Del Piero when Roberto Baggio is obviously in sharper form? Why bring back Demetrio Albertini when no one at AC Milan has confidence and Luigi Di Biagio has such a powerful claim? Why expose Gianluca Pessotto to Giggs's pace when Michele Serena is a swifter

Zoff said that he chose those who fitted his ideas and whose training ground performance. in the absence of any competitive games in Serie A until the coming weekend, impressed him. He had achieved the result, his Azzurri had quelled the Welsh fighting spirit, he was satisfied.

Gould, of course, was less so. The banners are out for his resignation, partly because he is an Englishman in Wales, partly because his decisions seem illogical, partly because he does not have the Joneses. the Allchurchs, the Charleses or more of the likes of Giggs 10 restore halcyon days.

While Zoff could eschsew the multimillion-pound Italian forwards in England,



deeming the FA Carling Premiership an unfit playground for international development, Gould has not even the luxury of that level. He had to fashion a three-man defence of Kit Symons and Chris Coleman. of Fulham, with Adrian Williams, who is failing to get a game with Wolverhampton Vanderers as sweeper.

They coped remarkably well. Coleman matched force with force, guile with determination while marking Chris-tian Vieiri, Lazio's E19 million centre forward. But, in the eighteenth minute, concentration deserted Coleman, a Nationwide League second division defender.

Unaccountably, he got in Paul Jones the goalkeeper's way to an innocuous through

ball; unthinkingly he mis-hit it straight to Diego Fuser, and inconsolably he despaired when Fuser disptached the ball into the net.

Giggs deserved to spare Coleman's blushes just before half-time, but a supremely struck left-foot free kick rebounded off the crossbar. And, for all Nathan Blake's courageous running, for all the magic of Giggs, for all that Gary Speed tackled and John Robinson, Darren Barnard and Andy Johnson persevered, there was no undoing the earlier mishap.

It would come down to substitutions. Gould had tried to make a point about respecting the game, respecting the opponent, when he dropped Robbie Savage, the tigerish Leicester City midfield player. from the squad after a television interview during which Savage threw away a replica shirt of Italy's revered (but absent, injured) captain. Paolo Maldini. Possibly Gould has outmoded values, for he was persuaded that banning Sav-

age was an over-reaction. The Leicester player was restored to the squad, and his youth and vigour as a late substitute for the faded Mark Hughes perhaps came too late. For, by then, Roberto Baggio was on the pitch.

With two passes, Baggio transcended the touch and vision of others, and the first of those inspired Vieiri to turn extravagantly in the Wales goal area and shoot the conclusive second goal with almost nonchalant finality. Afterwards, as the sirens

wailed, Zoff stood his ground between the critics and the backslappers, while Gould had only the critics. In the real world, where nationality is not yet for sale to the highest bidder, a coach remains no better than the players at his

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Blagio, Roma, 68), E Di Francesco (Roma,
sub: M Serena, Alático Machd, 62) — C
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# Northern Ireland take same old path



FOUR hours of incessant singing, dancing and drumming had gone some way to dimming the senses and hundreds of happy car horns were still blaring loudly outside at the Ali Sami Yen stadium, but the raised, gruff tones of Lawrie. McMenemy were no less audible through the walls of the subterranean dressing-room: Northern Irish ears were. burning.

ff the actual words could not be discerned, their meaning was, because for all the brave and commendable slogans about new eras that had preceded it, there was some-

thing sadly familiar about the manner of their defeat. The matter of the projectiles thrown at Keith Gillespie and George O'Boyle, the St Johnstone player, before kick-off, was another issue. "We have made a strong protest to Uefa," Jim Boyce, the Irish FA president, said. The timing of what followed was particular-ly harsh. As Gillespie began a trademark spurt across the halfway line, the ardour of the home fans inside Galatasaray's ground had been dampened. Mert Korkmaz promptly snaffled up possession and Oktay Derelioglu

strode on to a long ball before chipping Alan Fettis, the goal-

The second goal was no less disastrous, coming some four minutes after the interval as Tayfur Havutcu, of Besiktas. nonchalantly converted his de-

but goal. What McMenemy's side were truly lacking could be best summed up by Turkey's decisive third goal. Oktay, the Besiktas striker, dribbled at full tilt until checking his run, turning past Colin Hill and placing the ball into the bottom corner. It his eighth goal in nine international matches. In five of their past seven-

competitive matches, Northern treland have not managed a single goal and they never came close in Istanbul. TURKEY (3-5-2) B Rustu — A Saffat, K Mert O Alpay — B Okan (sub: E Arf. B7min), Y Sergen H Taytur, K Tugay (aub: C Oguz, 75), E Abdulan — D Oklay (sub: M Hami, 73), S Hakan

NORTHERN IRELANO (4-1-2) A Feltis— 4 Hughes, C Hd. S Morrow, K Horlack — K Gillespre (tub: J Whitley, 73), P Multyne, N Lennon, k Rowland (sub J Cunn, 45) — M Referee: R Woycik (Polenci)

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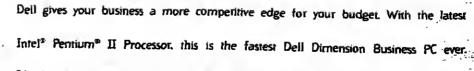
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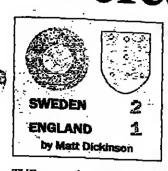
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ENGLAND

by Matt Dick Tex

ENG. G.C. AN HERL Sweden's victory in European championship opener increases pressure on England coach

# Defeat adds to doubts over Hoddle Reduced from



THE apposite sight of banana skin discarded amid the debris of jockstraps and crimson-stained bandages on the dressing-room floor brought back memories of a previous England manager's embarrassment in Stockholm. "Swedes 2, Turnips 1" went the Ireland for headline, and the subsequent trial by fruit and veg heralded the departure of Graham Taytake sam\* lor, it may not be long before Glenn Hoddle also receives

Northen

old pat

the full compost treatment.

Such ridicule can be dismissed by an England coach as long as he is winning games, and those who would hound Hoddle out of the job know that his hide remains thicker than an elephant's.
The only thing he has in common with Turnip Taylor is the scoreline from their European championship qualifying match on Saturday.

When his team loses. though, in a way that raises serious questions about his tactical adaptability and his efficiency in plucking the best from his players. Hoddle cannot brush the inquisition aside as if it was some perceived triviality over faith-healing or a World Cup diary. The painful, unavoidable truth is that England were made to look distinctly second-rate by a well-organised, dynamic but hardly fearsome Sweden side.

Hoddle argued vehemently that there was nothing wrong with the rehearsals, selection or shape of the team. No change there, then. "The team we put out was a very strong and balanced one, as was proved in the opening 20 minutes," he said.

Correct up to a point, because it is almost impossible to criticise his chosen XI, and there is no doubt that he was let down by some unusually abject individual perfor-mances. Of the back line, only the brave Sol Campbell could be absolved. Tony Adams appeared unerly bemused. As the Swedes poured forward. he dashed around like a man whose roof has sprung six leaks but has only one bucket to catch the flow.

The sight of Gareth Southgate hitting a pass straight off his shin into touch was the low



Ince watches as Shearer's free kick puts England into an early lead against Sweden in Stockholm. Photograph: Marc Aspland

point of a display that did not have a single high, and Gary Neville will surely regain his shirt. Graeme Le Saux, undermined by Hoddle's criticism after the defeat by Romania, appears to be lacking in

How much those players were ill at ease even before kick-off can only be guessed at, but where Hoddle must find better answers than he managed on Saturday night is whether he was out-thought by a decisive tactical change.

Noticing that England were enjoying extra width through Anderton and Le Saux, Tommy Soderberg, the Sweden coach, pushed Andreas

Andersson forward from right midfield into a 4-3-3 formation. Suddenly. England's wing backs were pressed deep into a back five and the midfield could not resist a stream of powerful surges. As the pressure mounted, the passing, according to Hoddle.

Anderton's injury, shortly before half-time, was a huge blow, and Paul Ince's dismissal effectively ended England's challenge. It did, though, allow the switch to a back four that some players are under-

stood to prefer. Not even Alan Shearer and Michael Owen were exempt from criocism, with Hoddle appearing to blame the Liverpool teenager for ignoring instructions to track back. "We needed the strikers to put more pressure on Schwarz," he said. We got messages from the bench, but for whatever reasons it didn't happen." Owen's silly booking, for a reckless tackle as early as the sixth minute, appeared to

have much to do with it Instead, England allowed the pace to be dictated by Schwarz, the intimidating Mjallby and particularly the trickery of Ljungberg, who proved why Barcelona and Liverpool have been watching him. Their quick-passing and

Soderberg, who was correct in believing England's defence has a tendency to lie too deep, and they did not take long to recover from the shock of conceding Shearer's free kick after 77 seconds. Andersson equalised on the

half-hour, when Adams deflected the ball over Seaman. The goalkeeper might have done better, and he was certainly slow to react two minutes later when a cross rebounded off Scholes's thigh and Mjallby reacted first with a header. England might have escaped with a draw in the dying minutes when Nilssen admitted to catching Shearer's pressing game was the plan of leg in the penalty area. The

England captain had a case but, overall, justice had been done. "I won't use that as an excuse," he said and, one hopes, nor will Hoddle.

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G Southgate (Aston VIIIa), A Adams (Arsenal), S Campbell (Tottenham Horspur, sub: P Merson, Middlesbrough, 75) — O Anderton (Tottenham Horspur, sub: P Lee, Newcastle United, 42), J Redtrnapp (Liverpool), P Ince (Liverpool), P Scholes (Manchester United, sub: E Sheringham, Manchester United, 86), G Le Seur (Chelsea) — M Dinen (Liverpool), A Shearer (Newcastle United)

Shearer (Newcastle United)

where he might be able to cross, Dailly usually turns

back onto his preferred foot to

deliver it. The angle then

favours the defenders. On

Friday, Brown tried to justify

Dailty's selection in the pos-

idon by observing that many good left backs have been

In Scotland's system, how-

ever. Dailly is not a traditional

teft back. There is no winger

ahead of him to whom he can

pass. Brown appreciates the

solidity of a team packed with

experienced players, but he

also knows that change is now

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# 'A youthful

land were in good nick. The Swedes had written headlines such as "Vi behover ett mirakel" (We need a miracle); they had dubbed Michael Owen "the 18-yearold Sweden fears most". So. 15 minutes into the game, she made a snap judgment that she wouldn't be missed for half an hour, and made a

in the sports biz. For Eileen got stuck in a traffic jam and returned home just in time to see Paul Ince sent off. "Oh blimmineck," she exclaimed. Rushing to the telly, she saw evidence of a horrified England team that looked as if it had been collectively run over. and a scoreline so precisely reminiscent of the famous "Swedes 2 Turnips 1" that she could only sit drop-jawed over her bags of fresh English strawberries, couscous and chargrilled veg. "What have I done?" she moaned (she didn't even like couscous). "Oh Glenn, what on earth have I

Looking at the statistics io the Swedish Sunday papers,

# superstars to nobodies

Lynne Truss seeks a psychic explanation for a dismal performance in Stockholm

Tell, how about nat then? Mashed Swedes. What a curious situation for the England team. They were greeted like superstars by an adoring Swedish press on Thursday: Michael Owen inspiring words such as tumultartade and superstjarnorna (easy for them to say). And then, oo Saturday, they were rudely frounced and made to look like nobodies.

"He knows who t am." David Seaman was quoted as saying in blunt northern tones of his Swedish goalkeeping counterpart. It's the sort of thing you say with your legs astride and your arms akimbo, your hair streaming behind you in the breeze. But on Saturday afternoon, the body language told another story for England's famous Mr Safe-Hands. Falling back, face contorted in dismay, over-reaching, scuttling on all fours - well. "Remind me who you are, again?" should have been the song of the Swedish fans.

As history will record, of course. England had a blinding first minute. For the first time in about two years, the Shearer Wonderland was reopened for visitors and we walked about in il with rosy cheeks and big smiles. For about 20 minutes more, indeed, England comfortably dominated the match. And then, for whatever reason, the tables were turned and England became rubbish. What happened? In football lerms,

was simple. A youthful Sweden team surpassed themselves and simply, gloriously outplayed us. This was the World Cup they never had; four years in the wil-derness had made

ippetites keem But there is an alternative explanation, which I feel I ought to mention. Eileen Drewery got complacent, and popped out for last-minute week-

end shopping. You can see how It would happen. You can hardly blame the woman. She thought Eng-

lightning raid on Marks. it was a bad call, as we say even a hopeless monolinguist was obliged to concur with their grim findings. In the match on Saturday. Sweden had the majority of the bollinnehav, had slightly less frisparkar (so much for that, whatever it is): but more than their fair share of the hornor and the skott (what a tife). tf there was a cotumn for flattering to deceive your hoity-toity visitors, they got the majority of that, too.

The point is, though, Sweden played extremely well in a game which would always be won by sheer physical bulldozering of the opposition. It was knock-emdown stuff, like Sumo wrestling with complications, and it turned out to suit the slender Swedes surprisingly well. They were (dare I say it?) tasty. "Kom igen, Sverige!" I said, involuntarily. Formerly, I had not been excited about Swedish football - basing my ideas unfairly, perhaps, on Andreas Andersson's dreadful performances at Newcastle, where he not only looks like a girlie but strikes randomly at goal, as if playing in a blindfold.

So Sweden were a bit of a shock. No sooner had Mrs Drewery applied her hand-brake and locked her door in the thirtieth minute than a goalmouth scuffle found our very own Andreas Andersson beating both Seaman and Adams for Sweden's equalising first goal. As the crowd in the Rasunda stadium went wild, a shiver travelled north up Mrs D's spine, and she stopped in her tracks

A cold wind from somewhere; doubtless the first evening chill of autumn. Two minutes later, as she rifled through the yoghuri section for bio fat-free goose-Johan Mjaliby saw the ball bounce off Paul Scholes, and acted quickly to effect Sweden's excellent second goal. Again, the good lady frowned and paused, but

shrugged it off.

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> I don't think I've ever seen England more rattled than on Saturday. When Sweden started to suss their game and beat them, their disarray was hilarious. Headless chickens are by comparison quite organised.

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cabinet.

To Glenn Hoddle's credit. he did not invoke disasters or famines after the match. In his notorious book, he finds it handy on occasion (i.e. when things have gone disastrousty wrong) to explain that football is surely less important than life and death. But on Saturday, what could he say? Only that we had lost the reins but must bounce back. We must put our aggressive heads on and take it on the chin. Previously the team had their qualifying heads on, you see. Big mistake, head-wise, apparently.

Meanwhile a woman in England masticated her couscous with a thoughtful expression. Was sole psychic responsibility for a nation's football team just more than a lone woman rightly ought to bear? She was honestly beginning to think so.

#### Clemente in hot water after defeat

JAVIER CLEMENTE, the Spain coach, faced a renewed chorus of calls to resign yesterday after his side suffered a humiliating 3-2 defeat against a Cyprus team made up mostly of bank clerks and electricians.

Already in hot water over Spain's dismal performance in the World Cup, where they failed to get past the first stage. Clemente insisted after the match on Saturday that he would not step down. "Re-sign? Absolutely not. I have a lot of confidence in myself," he said at a raucous postgame press conference.

France, the world champions, scraped a I-l draw away to leeland in their European championship group four qualifying match on Saturday. The French needed an equaliser from Christophe Dugarry, their striker, to secure a valuable point after a blunder by Fabien Barthez, the France goalkeeper, let in Rikhardur Dadason for leeland's opening goal.

Point gives Brown small comfort PRE-EMINENCE has rarely

been so nondescript. Scotland were the only one of the four British football nations to avoid defeat on Saturday, but, as performances go, a goalless draw in Lithuania was more of a scruffy knoll than a peak. The team had not reached the heights that would serve as a vantage point to let them look out with hope over the years

The result, in fact, gave rise to a strong but illogical feeling of foreboding. That mood of depression was well-armoured and commonsense was mere grapeshot that bounced off it. In practice, the outcome in Vilnius may not have been damaging and news came crowding in that ought to have made Scotland

grateful for their result. England, Wales and Northern Ireland had all lost their opening matches in the qualifying groups for the European Championship. France, the world champions, had been held to a 1-1 draw in localand. Spain had been beaten by Cyprus. All the same, it was count blessings after the wretchedness of their own

Victory for Craig Brown's side was not just out of reach; the possibility had not even accompanied them onto the bumpy, disobliging field of the Zalgiris stadium. There were few chances. Early in the afternoon, Stauce, the Lithuania goalkeeper, touched over an Elliott header that had posed little problem. Late in the game, McCoist was thwarted by the defence as he tried to convert a cut-back from Barry Ferguson, the young Rangers midfield play-er who made his international

debut as a substitute. The match could have been won by Lithuania, who were themselves a poor side. Leighton made several saves for Scotland, the best of them coming when he dived low to his right to turn away a header by Jankauskas in the 22nd minute. The visitors contributed only some starchy defending to the proceedings. Whenever they attempted to find creativity. Scotland drew a mental blank. In exonerat-



ing his forwards. Brown was candid about the deficiencies. 'Lithuania didn't really threaten," he said, "but then neither did we. We didn't get any supply to our attack. Given the service, Ronaldo himself could not have had a good game for us." Participation in this dismal game would probably have caused a relapse in the mental health of the stress-ridden Brazil star. Inspection of the pitch was enough to make a footballer

gloomy. The surface was too unreliable for Collins and Lambert, the partnership in central midfield, to succeed in finding one another with deft

By the interval, Brown was

forward and then fighting for possession downfield. The side, though, did not advance in sufficient numbers. The inert nature of the team was disquieting. Troubled by the awkward bobbles, Scotland needed to adopt a simplified style and escape the congestion by making use of the full width of the pitch, but there was never any impetus on the flanks. The decision by Brown to use Calderwood and Dailly as his wing backs was shown to be mistaken. Although Calderwood, 33, is an excellent defender for Scotland, he is not cut out to make swashbuckling runs and hardly ever

recommending that Scotland

settle for knocking the ball

pressed much beyond the halfway line. Dailty, with his pace and stamina, is equipped for the task, but continues to be hobbled by his right-footedness when asked to carry the action forward on the left. His difficulties with the role remain just as apparent as they were at the World Cup

Upon reaching a position

# Tottenham's timing found wanting

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

CHRISTIAN GROSS'S departure from Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday afternoon, in the shadow of the European championship qualifying matches, only highlighted the tenuous grasp on reality at White Hart Lane. Such a futile attempt at subterfuge, in the hope that the timing of the announcement would attract minimum press coverage, illustrated how far the club has fallen.

Yesterday, Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, again stretched the bounds of credibility to its outer limits. He claimed that Gross's exit less than ten months after he had succeeded Gerry Francis - was more due to outside pressures than the fact that the head coach had lost the respect of the players and

supporters. And, perhaps, the chairman, too.

Christian's departure is for internal reasons," Sugar said. We were faced with an untenable situation that was created by the media. We, the board, felt that Christian, no matter how professional or good he is, has been destroyed by the media. It is as simple as that." In a bizarre baring of souls, Sugar was accompanied by

Gress - the hangman sitting alongside his victim - at siongside his victiff—at Spurs Lodge, the club's train-ing ground in Chigwell, Essex. "I didn't go, I had to go," Gross said, dismissing reports: that he had resigned. There are different reasons, but I am not the person to say why. "I am not angry, I am disappointed, but I am now

looking forward. I have been

very successful in my manage

rial career up to now and this

have to deal with this in a positive way and I will do so." Sugar does not appear to have found a replacement. David Pleat, Tottenham's di-

is the first time that results fort and Sugar has asked him have not gone well for me. I to continue to pursue the possible purchases of Tim Sherwood and Chris. Sutton, of Blackburn Rovers, for a combined fee of £14 million. Glenn Hoddle: the England rector of football, will hold the coach and former Tottenham

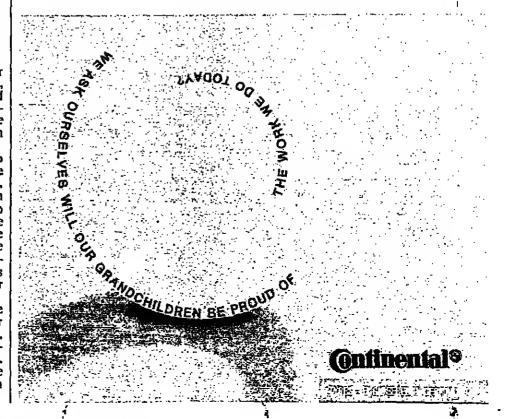


Gross will be able to refocus after Sugar's announcement

player, would prove a popular choice among the fans and, perhaps significantly, he did little to confirm his international future in the wake of the 2-1 defeat against Sweden in Stockholm on Saturday. Johan Cruyff. Jupp

Heynckes and Joe Kinnear are other credible contenders, more so than Jürgen Klinsmann, , who has no coaching credentials. "We need a big name to galvanise the club," Joff Wild, of the Tottenham Independent Supporters' Association, said. "It's probably the last chance for Sugar to get it right."

Enter George Graham, the Leeds United and former Arsenal manager. In the past, when asked about the possibility of managing Tottenham. he said: "Why not?" in the confused state that Tottenham finds Itself, why not indeed.



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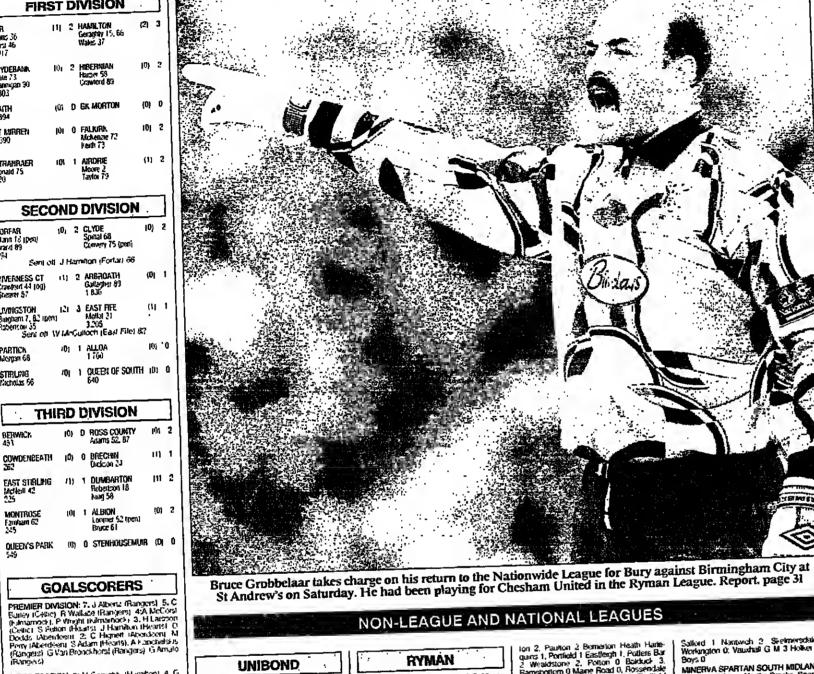
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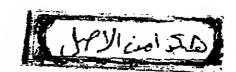
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# Nationwide League: Adebola goal proves decisive as Birmingham stay among early leaders

# Grobbelaar class fails to save Bury

Birmingham City ......1

BY RICHARD HOBSON

AT THIS early stage of the season the league tables offer no more than a guide to what might happen in the months ahead. They reflect form, but not trends. Before kick-off at St Andrew's, Bury sat two places above Birmingham City, third in the Nationwide League first division, but whether they emerge as genuine challengers for promotion is doubtful

It will take more than the temporary acquisition of Bruce Grobbelaar, too, if they hope to win many friends under the management of Neil Warnock. "This was a throwback to the Wimbledon of ten years ago," Trevor Francis. the Birmingham manager. said after a victory that should have been far more compre-

The dismissal of Andy Woodward after an hour, for obstructing Robinson when the Birmingham player had a clear run at goal, prompted a sequence of fouls that, in turn, provoked much finger-pointing between the occupants of the respective dugouts. Marsden appeared to be elbowed by Johnrose and a two-footed challenge by Daws on Michael Johnson might have

caused serious injury.
Warnock said: "I thought one or two untidy things happened in the first half from Birmingham which were not spotted. In the second half we gave as good as we got and they didn't like it." Clearly his sunglasses were rose-tinted.

It is easy to explain this defeat by the absence of Dean Kiely, the goalkeeper, to the Republic of Ireland, Kiely had not conceded a league goal in five games, and a misunderstanding between Grobbelaar and Lucketti, the defender contributed towards the fortuitous strike by Dele Adebola, in the eighteenth minute, that ultimately decided the game.

Grobbelaar, though, who has been playing for Chesham United in the Rymans League and had agreed to play here as a one-off, made subsequent saves from Forster, Hughes and Andy Johnson that stretched beyond the expecta-

tions of duty.
Stretched is a good word because, at 40, he remains as agile as ever.

There must be a second or third division club he can play for." Warnock said in perhaps the only part of his press conference surviving close analysis. Grobbelaar, said that he was baffled at the lack of interest from anybody other than Warnock. Apart from being a decent goalkeeper, he has box-office appeal. The gates at Chesham have doubled to more than 2,000

For Francis, the immediate priority is to find a striker, either on loan or from the treatment room. Furlong and Ndlovu are some way from recovery from injury and Adebola hurt a calf while scoring his sixth goal in seven

The chance may fall to Andy Johnson, the third youngest debutant at the club after Francis and Neil Sproston. Johnson, 17, has the pace to worry defenders and his positional sense and touch should improve with opportunity. O'Connor hit the post, but Forster in particular finished wastefully.

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Whitbread, left, the Portsmouth defender, gets in a tackle on Powell, of Oxford, at the Manor Ground yesterday

# Jordan watches Oxford get into gear

Oxford United..... Portsmouth...

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

THE discovery of a winning

habit by Eddie Jordan in the Belgian Grand Prix last weekend rubbed off on Oxford United vesterday as they won their first game of the season and scored their first home goals of the campaign.

Jordan, who lives locally

but claims to support Coven-try City, received applause from spectators as he took his place in the Manor Ground directors' box before the game, but whether in honour of his achievements or in the hope that he will be taking an active role in the club's affairs was unclear. If he has a similar effect every time be pays one of his occasional

visits to his local team, the club should send him a season ticket immediately. The opening stages suggest-

ed that it was unlikely that Jordan would bring the home side luck as Portsmouth swept forward, with the Oxford defence looking ponderous and jittery. Oxford, however, took the lead against the run of play in the 27th minute with their first move of quality, which ended with the right back, Robinson, receiving the ball in space before crossing for Simon Marsh, the left back, to score with an unchall-

enged header. It was Oxford's first goal in 430 minutes and they clearly liked the feeling, extending their lead seven minutes later. Pethick, booked previously for a foul, pulled back Cook as he advanced on goal and Paul Taylor, the referee, awarded a penalty, converted with relisb by Dean Windass, and showed Pethick his second yellow card.

"No complaints, he did grab his shirt, but the first tackle wasn't a booking as far as I was concerned," Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, said. "A lot of people would have thought there was only going to be one winner and that was Portsmouth; but the game wasn't a contest as soon as we lost our man and went two down." Ball put on his two latest

signings, Jean-François Peron and Martin Phillips, at half-time, but John Aloisi, the division's leading scorer with seven goals so far this season, was their best bet for a goal, throwing himself at a nearpost cross from Thorgersen but heading over, and seeing a left-foot shot well saved by Whitehead, before Windass, Oxford's record signing at £470,000 from Aberdeen in the summer, sealed the win with a fierce shot from the edge of the penalty area.

Malcolm Shotton, the Ox-

ford manager, took encouragement from the game for the derby fixture with Swin-don Town this week, who also won their first game of the season over the weekend. "We started the season well, but went a bit haywire," he said. "We're ready for Swindon." That's at the County Ground on Wednesday, Mr Jordan.

OXFORD UNITED (4-4-2). P Whitehead — L Robinson, P Whelan, P Galchrist (sub: A Thomson, A Shirin), S Marish — J Beauchanno, O Windass, M Gray (D Hill, 76), P Powell — J Cook, M Murphy PONTSMOUTH (3-5-2): A Rahawan — R Pethick, A Awlord, A Whitehead — T Thorgensen, O Hiller (sub: N Kyzeride, 64), A McLoughlin, S (goo (4-F Peron, 45), F Smpson — J Dumen (M Phillips, 45), J Alossi

## Bruce left to work with limited resources

Huddersfield Town ...... 1 Sheffield United ......

By Peter Robinson

STEVE BRUCE managed a smile, but it was a pretty rueful effort, it was not simply the fact that Sheffield United had lost; it was, to quote Douglas Adams, more a question of life, the universe and everything - and no, the answer is not 42, it runs into millions, as in several, for the spending of.

Having enjoyed his best days at Manchester United. where cash flowed like water, Bruce, the United manager, is seeing how the other half live. Like his peers up and down the Nationwide League, he is reduced to complaints about injuries and absentees, especially after seeing David Holdsworth, his captain and centre half, twist his knee

Will this give you a stick to et something out of the board?" he was asked. That smile again, and a shrug. "I will do what I can, but if you haven't got anything, you haven't got anything, it is as simple as that," he replied. We are down to the bare minimum, but I hope that changes. We will see."

Indeed it might, for there were plenty of FA Carling Premiership clubs at the McAlpine Stadium on Saturday casting coveted glances at, among others, Wayne Quinn, the United left back. It seemed best not to mention that to

There were few questions about the game, either, Bruce's depleted team losing unluckily to Allison's header three minutes from time.

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## Ward feels unfulfilled by City's late show

Swindon Town .... Bristol City ...

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

"IF I were a neutral football supporter," John Ward, the Bristol City manager, said, "I'd follow us all round the country." Committed City fans, however, could be finding the strain too much. The trip to Sunderland tomorrow night, for example, promises entertainment, but Unlikely on City's showing on

Saturday. Even Steve McMahon, the Swindon Town manager, had reservations about the manner of his side's victory, their first since March, which saw them all but squander a threegoal lead and finish the game with only nine men.

Swindon's lead, neutrals might have thought, owed much to two contentious early decisions by Paul Rejer. the referee: a first-minute penalty awarded for Edwards's challenge on Bullock, convert-ed by Walters, and a free kick three minutes later that led to Ndah heading the second. Onuora slid in the third after eight minutes.

The dangerous Akinbiyi began City's comeback after 63 minutes, poking Tinnion's Swindon goalkeeper, who suffered a broken nose in attempting to save. Twelve minutes later, Davis was dismissed for a foul on Murray, Bell scoring City's second from the resulting penalty,

A second yellow card for Hulbert left Swindon with nine men to hold out for what McMahon called "the longest eight minutes in the history of

SWINDON TOWN (4-4-2) F Talia — D Narslake, A Reeves, B Borrous (sub 8 Davis, 20min), G Holl — M Walters, M Bullock, S Lertch (sub R Hulbert, 79), T Gooden — I Onuora, G Ndah BRISTOL CITY (14-12) if Wolth — A Lode, J Wolls, S Dyche, M Bell — S Murray, T Doherly, If Edwards (sub M Hewlett, 46), B Transon — A Thorpe (sub C Cramo, 46), A Akantry

# Preston make point from [ lack of surface tension

Preston North End .....2

EIGHTEEN months ago, Bristol Rovers' much-used pitch was described as a cows' field by Gary Peters, then Preston North End manager. Since the cattle gates will only reopen for the herd of marauding Bristol rugby players next week, after their summer break, the footballers have been granted an excellent surface for a month before the price starts to be paid for milking the ground's financial potential.

The pitch helped a flowing game on Saturday. There were some line attacking displays from Barry Hayles, of Rovers, and Jason Harris, a Preston substitute. Hayles scored his sixth goal of the

season and saw Andy Tillson double the lead with an impressive twist and shot before the break Harris, an elusive left winger on loan from Leyton Orient, headed the opening goal before Michael Jackson nodded home a late equaliser to lift North End into

The home side's frustration at the result may have been experienced recently by Preston fans, hoping for a wealthy benefactor to appear. A lifelong North End supporter has reportedly spent £74 million on various entertainment centres. Such decisions can set a club's course for decades.

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Curdon — G Ipous (sub: J Roberts, 54), 2 Hayles
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Partiment, M Jackson, R Kidd, O Luckles — G
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Gregon, O Eyres (salar J Hents, 46) — K Nogen
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# Little sets the record straight

Stoke City .. Bournemouth ......

By Ketth Pike

THERE were times in the past couple of years when Brian Little seemed in danger of being crushed by the weight of a club's expectations on his slim shoulders. Fidgeting uncomfortably in the press room at Villa Park, eyes screwed tight shut, his thumb massaging his temple and ageing before the eyes of his inquistors and critics as he searched for answers. The suffering was almost too painful to watch. And that was when Villa

It was a brighter, springier Little who breezed around the bowels of the Britannia Stadium on Satur-day, his Stoke City team having extended the only 100 per cent matches to establish a five-point lead at the top of the Nationwide League second division. Promotion remains an objective some way in the distance; in the meantime, perfection will do nicely, thank you.

The same Little who, 12 months ago, had earned an unwanted place in the record books when Villa lost their first four matches, now has pride of place in the Potteries, Stoke have bettered the feat of their 1905-06 team. They have bad some luck along the way. as Little himself admits, and they had a tad more against Bournemouth, for whom Mark Stein missed two inviting chances with the game deadlocked. But they are also a neat, well-organised and occasionally fluent unit, and for that, Little must take the credit.

For the moment, certainly, he

record in senior football to six can do no wrong. There were one or two eyebrows raised when supporters discovered that Dean Crowe had been omitted from a team already missing the influential Graham Kavanagh through suspension as well as Larus Si-gurdsson, who was helping Ice-land to hold the world champions.

France. Those doubts were eventually answered. Thorne broke Bournemouth's resistance in the 71st minute and Crowe came off

the bench to enliven the last quarter of the match, scoring Stoke's second and tormenting a tiring defence. STOKE CITY (3-5-2): C Muggiston — J Whittle, P Robinson, S Woods — C Shori, O Oldfield (sub: R Heath, 6Smin), R Wallace (sub. D Crowe, 60), K Keen, B Small I sub: S Tweed, 72) — K Lightbourne, P Thome

BOURNEMOUTH: (4-4-2): M Ovendate — N Young, I Cox, E Howe, J Vincent — M Berthe (sub: D Town, 17: sub: J Tindall, 74). S Robinson, J Bailey (sub: M Dean, 78), R Mughas — S Rischer,

# Fitzpatrick double signals black day for Rotherham

Rotherham United .....0

By KEVIN EASON

THE tall man in the dark suit rose slowly to his feet, like an undertaker, to shout in a suitably sepulchral tone "more movement up front," at the blue shirts. It was as though 224 minutes without a goal had numbed his senses, even to the fact that Southend United had actually scored - a slithering slug of a shot from 25 yards from Robert New

Rotherham had not suffered such traumas on their way to the top of the Nationwide League third division, yet it was difficult to discern how they had scored ten goals in five games, given that they showed little ambition.

Despite the goal, Southend

looked desperately in need of a target to aim at up front. Then Alvin Martin, the manager, introduced Trevor Fitzpatrick. Withtin two minutes of his arrival he had scored. Mike Pollitt, the Rotherham keeper, failed to hold an aimless head forward by Julian Hails, David Whyte pounced and Fitzpatrick fired his first league goal into an empty net. He repeated the trick two min-

utes later with a simple header from a corner. The undertaker could barely believe it and raised a smile. For a moment, it seemed he

SOUTHEND UNITED: M Margetson — D Morley, R Newman, K Duben — J Hells, N Meher, M Gooding (sub. N Jones, 85min, A Clauke, M Stringon — A Burns (sub. T Fitzpatric), 78), O



## New-look Sale show some old bad habits

London Scottish Manchester Sale.

By ALISON KERVIN

WITH new shirts, a new sponsor and a selection of new players, newly promoted London Scottish ran out for their first game in their new home against newly renamed Man-chester Sale on Saturday. Everything was new. The two sides had clearly spent the summer locked away with focus groups and flip charts intent on "rebranding" and "repackaging" their "product".

There was certainly no early evidence that the summer had been spent in intensive training or team building sessions. Sale had a shocking opening quarter as London Scottish amassed 16 points before the break.

A converted try and three penal-ties took them to their tally. The penalties were the beginning of a 20-point haul for lain McAusland, the Australian-born full back.

whose boot destroyed Sale. The first-half try, London Scottish's only one of the game, came from Kenny Milligan. He received a pass from Jan Bonney after Si-mon Binns kicked through. Milligan almost lost the try when he was tackled before the line, but a leap.

and a stretch, took him over. Sale disappeared at half ome with Graham Dawe, the player/ coach, looking furious and not about to whisper sweet nothings to his team-mates. They emerged in the second half an infinitely stronger side, scoring three tries - two from Richard Smith - and one pen-

London Scottish were naturally delighted with their victory, but they would be unwise to be over confident. Next week they play Leicester, who will be infinitely less generous than Sale.

5-12, 19-12, 22-12, 22-17, 22-20, 25-20
ONDON SCOTTISH: I McAustand; K Milligran, R aves J Borney yepp B Pilkson, 63min, C Sharem S Binns, J Easterby, P Johnstone, O Cumens, P Burnett, E Annes, M Walson (rep. M McAlney, 54, S Fern, R Hunter (casa) (rep. C Tartuck, 63), S Holmes (rep. T Davies, 68).
ALE: S Howard, M Moore, S Devetson, C Yates, O Countragagin; J Basendell (rep. J Devetson, C Yates, I), S Demoral (rep. O Gerally, SI), P Shoth (rep. Winstanley, 51), S Hawalu, C Murphy (rep. D caldwin, 53), P Anglessa, J Machadek, P Sanderon

# Confident Saracens show strength

By DAVID HANDS

IF IT was a worthwhile investment you were looking for at Watford yes-terday. Saracens provided it. The cup holders passed the summer carefully spending their money and against Northampton — one of the dark horses for the Allied Dunbar Premiership - they worked all three of their exotic new purchases into the limelight.

There was a comforting solidity

about Saracens, a direct carry-over from the squad that carried off the Tetley's Bitter Cup in May and might have achieved the Premier-ship title too. Confidence was swelling through their ranks as early as the first quarter, when their backs ripped apart a defence so flimsy that Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby, said they

tackled like schoolboys.
"Write us off at your peril." Mc-Geechan added. He knows the quality of his players but he has also spent too many seasons at Franklin's Gardens watching the sum of the parts failing to add up to expectadons. There is an immediacy about Saracens that he must envy. most visibly demonstrated by Alain Penaud taking to the Premiership like a duck to water.

There are no bigger boots to fill at Saracens than those of the reored Michael Lynagh at No 10: Penaud struck three sweet, left-footed touch kicks in the first quarter and brought a deft, physical touch to everything he did, even though a blow to the head in the first half caused him to forget all the backs moves. Perhaps all teams should play by instinct instead of by num-

By the interval, Penaud had scored his first competitive try for his new club, as had his new colleagues. Troy Coker and Jeremy Thomson. Coker, once of Harlequins, is an old hand at league rugby but has lost little of his imposing presence: Thomson, 31, and whose mother comes from Watford, is accustomed to Super 12 rugby with Natal and found his feet with admi-

rable rapidity. Francois Pienaar, his new coach, believes that two years ago Thomson's form was such that he should have won his international cap. Had he been slightly bulkier, or playing under a more enlightened coach, he might have done. Now, though, he is set fair to replace the departed Philippe Sella, taking his try with a forthright approach that Northampton could only admire.

In the first minutes they flattered



to deceive, only to engineer Saracens's lead by their own inept play. At a time when Craig Yandell was in the sin-bin, the 14 of Saracens scored 13 points. The two Northampton props fell offside to give Gavin Johnson two easy penalty goals and when Paul Grayson was tardy with his clearance, Penaud charged the kick down and romped

through to score. Nothing Northampton could do worked for them. Running with ad-

mirable ambition but little tactical sense from their own 22, Northampton lost possession and Saracens swepl away down the right. Penaud broke from the ruck and sent Coker to the line, leaving Saracens 20 points ahead in as many

When Thomson crossed for a third try, a deluge of points threatened to wash Northampton away. That it did not happen was the result of Northampton tightening

their defence, slowing down Saracens' ball and disrupting their rhythm, though a flurry of fists ear-ly in the second half cost George Chuter and Jon Phillips ten minutes in the sin-bin for an incident in which Tim Rodber was involved.

Yet still Northampton could take no advantage of their hard-working lineout and increasinglyweighty scrum. They allowed Paul Wallace to snaffle ruck ball in his own half. Penaud accelerated the

move and Kyran Bracken gave Johnson the try. Three times Saracens forced the pace, only to be denied five metres from the line, but Northampton finally found their way to the other end, thanks to the incorrigible Matt Dawson, who broke from a tapped penalty and had enough speed and guile to hold off the cover for a 35- metre run to the posts. Would that his colleagues

had offered the same qualities.

SCORERS: Sarabtos: Tries: Penaud (13min).

Coker (20), Thomson (26), Johnson (61) Conversions: Johnson 4 Penalty goals: Johnson 2 (9) 11) Northampton: Try: Darson (64) Conversions: Grayson.
SCORING SEQUENCE: (Saracers Inst). 3- 0, 6-0, 13-0, 20-0, 27-0, (hall-time), 34-0, 34-7, SCARACENS: G. Johnson: B. Daried, J. Thomson, S. Ravenscroft, M. Singer (rep., R. Wallace, 76); A. Penaud, N. Bradsen, R. Geau, G. Chuer (sin bird-07), Coker (sep. B. Braddy, 62), C. Yandell (sin-biri 4-14), O. Grancock, T. Coker (sep. Botteman, 10-20; rep. B. Gole, 62), R. Hall, A. Diprosa.
NORTHAMPTON: N. Baat, C. Mori, O. Dontacq, A. Northey, B. Coher, P. Grayson, tep. A. Hapher, 64), M. Davison; G. Pagel, F. Mendez (sep. C. Johnsson, 70), M. Hyms, J. Philips; Sin-bira, 50-60), R. Metcalle, P. Lam, A. Poutmey, T. Rocher.
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# Exiles overcome Headingley hype

.18 Leeds London Welsh

BY A CORRESPONDENT LONDON Weish cheerfully ignored the Headingley hype to become only the second side to win at the ground since Leeds moved in 20 months ago. De-spite a summer marketing onslaught that spawned Sunday rugby, a new name and will see the arrival, in October, of one of rugby league's biggest names, Wendell Sailor, only

1,152 people turned up to see the defeat.

The Exiles held the edge in the tight while Mike Beckham, Leeds's 19-stone prop signed from Glasgow Hawks. was given a painful examination on his debut by lan Buckett. London Welsh outscored Leeds by three tries - all in the first half - to two.

The first was a cracker from 60 metres created by Adam Jones and finished by Chris Whittaker, the Canadian lock. Rowland Phillips and Andy Currier combined for the second, with the former Widnes centre crossing, before Luke

Leeds were left to hope that a

snap dropped goal from Colin

Jones took a quick penalty to score the third. Simon Easterby, Jones's opposite number, produced a carbon copy late on for Leeds. whose first try had been a close-range effort from Mike Cawthorn after ten minutes. But missing the cutting edge that five months ago had de-stroyed London Welsh 44-5, Stephens could save them in injury time. It went wide

SCOREMS: Leeds: Triest Continuing (10mm), Easerby (72) Convention: Lopustus, Pennity goals: Tupulois 2.5, 52). Loodon Weish: Triest Winglest (18), Convertion: Peans (19), L Jones (19), Easer (61), Easer (61), Easer (61), ECOREMG SEQUENCE (Leeds list): 30. 10-0, 10-7, 10-12, 10-17 (half lime), 13-17, 13-20, 18-20; LEEDS: Tupulofut, Middleton, Emmisson.

13-20, 18-20
LEEDS: Turpulotu, Middleton, Emmerson, Rhodes, Kirkly, Stephens, Casalhort, Faulerer (rep: Snelly 62mm), Luffman, Bodhann (rep: Thomas 74) Radigeani, P. Jones (rep: Griffiths 64). Foune, Easterly, Red. LONDON WELSH: A Jones, Storey, Curt. C. Daves, Graud, Pearro, Edwards, Buckett (rep. Hohmes 13-15) Ohey (rep. French 76), Milward (rep. Hohmes 74), Soge, Winklader, Alexander, L. Jones, Phillips Referee: N Yales

RUGBY LEAGUE: TITLE-CHASING WARRIORS PILE UP THE POINTS TO GO CLEAR

# sink sorry Sharks

Wigan Warriors ..... Hull Sharks.....

BY A CORRESPONDENT

strayed back to Wigan's victory in the Middlesex Sevens two years ago as they pro-duced a scintillating handling exhibition to overwhelm Hull with 12 tries at Central Park yesterday and regain their two-point advantage over Leeds in the JB Super League.

On a record-breaking afternoon, spoilt only by the season's lowest league attendance of 7,920. Wigan registered their biggest winoing margin of the season. Andy Farrell kicked his hundredth league goal of the campaign and Gary Connolly scored his hundredth try for the club.

"As long as you weren't from Hull you couldn't help but enjoy that" John Monie, the Wigan coach, said. "The pleasing thing from our point of view was that we did it without Neil Cowie, Dennis Betts and Danny Moore who, with Andy Farrell, are the cornerstone of our side."

It would have been even worse had Farrell not missed seven of IZ attempts at goal, yet it was Farrell's perfectlystruck short restarts, another echo from rugby union, that posed Hull problems. "Before the match 1'd said

to Andy that if it worked well once, we should do it twice," said Monie. "And I suppose

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he should do it three times." In fact, from seven of the 12

restarts Wigan ended up claiming the ball. It was one of several tactical experiments Monie revealed that they had tried with the play-offs in mind.

These failures on Hull's part plus an alarming number of turnovers, merely compounded the problems. Henry Paul was Wigan's linchpin, ducking, diving and weaving his way through half-hearted tackling and switching the direction of attack to confound the opposi-

Ironically, Hull had opened the scoring with a Steve Prescott penalty after ten minutes and another four had elapsed before Paul set the Wigan bandwagon rolling. By half time Gilmour had also gone io twice, and was followed home by Farrell and Tony

Only a consolation try by Fili Seru interrupted the Wigan procession in the sec-ond half as Connolly, Paul. Mark Bell. Jason Robinson twice and Paul Johnson comtwice and Paul Johnson completed Wigan's celebration.

SCORERS Wigan: Neer Paul 21. Gamour (2). Farrol, Smith. Connolly, Bell, Robinson (2). Farrol, Smith. Connolly, Bell, Robinson (3). Facilities, Johnson (6). Facel (5). Hole: Ty Seau Goal Proscott WIGAN: K Radinson, M Bod, H Paul T. Smith, T. O'Connor, R McConnack, T Mestrov. S Happhon, L Gamour, A Fanet Sucs J Clorice, S Holgon, A Isharmood, R Bod, MALL: SPrescon F Seau, A Hunte, L Campbell, O Backon, G Lesty, C Mardock, A New York, R. Charlet, R. Robin, S. Chron, R. Nolar, Subs. J. Smith, H. Okceno, J. Torne, O Busby, Referee: S Caron, Mokan, O Busby, Referee: S Caron, Machinery, Market Referee: S Caron, Machinery, Market Referee: S Caron, Market Referee: S Caron, Machinery, Market Referee: S Caron, Machinery, Market Referee: S Caron, M

# Wigan run riot to Sheffield concede chance has gone

JOHN KEAR, the Sheffield Eagles coach, yesterday con-ceded defeat in his side's bid to make the Super League playoffs. The Eagles crashed to their third defeat in four matches when they lost 33-16 to Halifax at The New Shay. Jamie Bloem grabbed a sec-ond-half hat-trick of tries after

David Bouveng had crossed

twice in the opening II min-

The South Yorkshiremen now have only a mathematical chance of reaching the top five. "Our chance has gone now." Kear said. "We're just going to try and finish as high as possi-ble and blood some young kids. I felt while we had a chance of making the five I should stick to the tried and trusted but it might be time to give one or two people their de-

buts in the coming weeks." Sheffield were without six first-team regulars and the absence of Paul Broadbent and Steve Molloy, in particular, hit

the visitors hard.
John Pendlebury, the Hali-fax coath, was pleased with the way his side all but sealed victory with a whirlwind opening. They led 16-2 after 27 minutes and Pendlebury, whose team bounced back from last week's 36-6 defeat at St Helens, said: "We set our stall out early on. We defended well and caused them a lot of trouble when we had possession in

the first 30 minutes." Halifax, who as Damian

Gibson with a badly-gashed head, need nne point from their final three games to seal

a third place. Warrington marked the hundredth anniversary of their Wilderspool Stadium by scoring seven tries in a 36-8 victory over the bottom club, Huddersfield. Warrington took advantage of James Bunyan being sent to the sin-bin af-

ter only ten minutes by scor-

ing two tries through Lee Briers and Mark Forster. Castleford's 30-12 home win over Salford Reds gave them their first Super League dou-ble of the season. Salford, un-beaten in their previous three mes. never looked like contimuing their good run as Dan-ny Orr and Brad Davis both

Bobbie Goulding kicked a penalty for Huddersfield but Warrington his back with two

open up a 24-2 lead. Andy Cheetham scored a consolation try for Huddersfield before Warrington added two tries in the last nine min-

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Mike Eagar and Mike Pechey. Warrington took only three minutes of the second half to: go further ahead when Steve McCurrie crossed after a break by Danny Farrar to

tites through Eagar and Far-



# Allied Dunbar Premiership: Champions suffer heavy opening-day defeat as new force emerges

# Revived Leicester

looking good bet

By ALAN PEAREY

THE bookmakers who set up stall at Welford Road can expeci good business on the six subsequent home games of

their trial stay. The Leicester public never lack faith in their team and inicial evidence suggests a surge of Tigers' title betting slips will be traded in the coming weeks. With a new management and playing structure, relaxed licensing laws and even some-

where to park your bike, Leicester are a club on the move. Richard Cockerill, the Leicester hooker, said: "We're not bothered by what people say. We have a better squad than last year and team spirit is outstanding." Leicester rarely seemed to

convert pressure into points under Bob Dwyer, the former coach, but the demolioon of Harlequins on Saturday saw sparkling approach play finished in ruthless splendour.

Seven unanswered tries, including a magnificent team effort ended by Leon Lloyd. brought a big grin to the face of Dean Richards, the club's rugby manager, who must relish the talent at his disposal. Leicester's new signings, Tim Stimpson, with some booming kicks, and Pat Howard, who linked superbly with Joel Stransky, won the hearts of the locals but the less heralded Nnamdi Ezulike and Derek

Jelley played an equal part.
With their lettered jerseys consigned to the past, Explike, the Nigerian-born wing, be-came the first numbered Tiger to score a try in the fith minute. Darren O'Leary's reckless pass was the prelude to a pushover try by Austin Healey, the England wing strengthening his case for selection in his club position of scrum-half with a dazzling dis-

play. Leicester's progress was nampered only by the Hawless goalkicking of John Schuster, - high-quality players whom we the Harlequins reserve standoff, and the ten-minute absence of Cockerill, who was sent to the sin-bin on the hour. after persistent infringement

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by his side. Quins, who fielded six debutants, will not panic at finding themselves bottom of the Allied Dunbar Premiership One table after one outing. But it was easy to understand the concern of John Gallagher, their director of rugby. He said: "You can make excuses, but it was a poor performance. We must stay positive and get through this together. We've gor a huge improvement to make in a short period of

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Exilia 16 mn), Healey (17), Cockeni (38), Lloyd 2 [48,56], Back (76), Suansky (80), Conversions: Stransky 4 Penaltines: Stransky 2 (40, 72) Hariequins: Penaltines: Schuster 5 (20, 30, 40, 62, 66), SCORING SEQUENCE (Lecester first), Scorenge Sequence (Lecester first), Scorenge Sequence (124, 72), 344, 37-15, 42-15, 49-15

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# Richmond reap rewards of wise investment

Richmond Newcastle

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THESE are uncertain rimes for Newcastle. A year ago they marched enthusiastically into

a new Allied Dunbar Premiership and swept Bath away. On Saturday, as champions, they were themselves dismantled. in the same way that the dream of Sir John Hall, their owner, for a new multisports power in the North East is struggling for sustenance. How ironic that they should have stumbled to defeat in the

magnificent surroundings of the Madejski Stadium at Reading, into which Richmond have bought. John Kingston, the Richmond director of rugby, will look at the quality of performance in the knowledge that his squad took half a sea-son to come together during 1997-98. The club's board will look at the crowd of 9,530, at least a third of whom came on free-ricket schemes, and consider that little more than 3,000 of that number would have been allowed into their old Athletic Ground home this season, that Newcastle travel

with only a handful of support-

ers and that this Saturday,

Gloucester's hordes are due to

make the short trip up the M4. "We have invited them to come and see our Shed," Tony Hallett, the Richmond chief ex-ecutive, said with the happiness of one whose target figure of an 8,000 attendance had been exceeded. Kingston's tar-get is for the playing invest-ment made last season to start coming good, "I don't think we underperformed," he said. "I had never coached in the premier league before and none of our players, with the excep-tion of Ben Clarke, had played

'We recruited youngsters. believed would make it. Rob [Andrew] recruited for experience and success. There are a lot of older men in the Newcastle side now and they were always going to have to rebuild. gradually. If you don't build on bricks, the whole thing will come down around you. Kingston believes his foun-

dations are in place whereas Newcastle now are making a virtue of necessity by proffer-ing the skills of Ross Beame (20) and Alan Chilton 119) both home-brewed — as the way to go. That will be good news for national coaches such as Clive Woodward and Graham Henry, who were at the Madejski Stadium (Beattle is English, Chilton Welshl, but such youngsters were enouled to have a bener example set them by Newcastle's present

generation, which has never looked more anonymous in the area which powered them forward last season, back row and half back. Only Andrew himself, play-

ing in jersey No 12 but paying lip service to the nodon that Jonathan Wilkinson was the designated fly half, lived up to reputation. Elsewhere, Richmond squeezed the life out of a side conceding more points and tries in the first Premiership match than in any game they played last season. They dominated the set-pieces and forced any number of turnovers, leading directly to the penalties that allowed Richmond into the danger zone.

Three tries came from closerange lineouts, a fourth from a scrum after a lineout at a time when Barry Williams had not



found his range when throw ing in. Newcastle creaked badly, with Paul Van-Zandvliet absent injured and two loose-head props on the field. They will be reinforced next month with the arrival from South Africa of Marius Hurter, but Kingston, a former prop himself, positively crooned over the display of the oght-head.

Darren Crompton. Agusin Pichot is ideally equipped to take advantage of such dominance. The Argentina scrum half took rime to settle when he arrived at Richmond a year ago. A move to Leicester was dangled before him, but now he has taken up a business studies course at Brunel University, he is fit, he confident and there will be linle better to admire this season than the break that drew two defenders and the adroit pass out of the tackle that created the space for Allan Bateman to score Richmond's third try on the interval,

It was Newcastle's plan to win swift ball and move it wide, Not until the final quarter, when Richmond were 31-15 to the good, did they do so, which negated any genuine examination of Wilkinson's skills at game direction. The youngster is to be his club's first-choice goalkicker this season, ahead of Andrew, in which case he doubtless admired the competent striking of Adrian Davies, who embellished Richmond's scoreline when they needed it most. The trick for Davies and his colleagues is to do it again, and again, and there is little reason to suppose they will not.

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#### Bateman bursts between Andrew and Graham to set up another Richmond attack We have done things more Clinical Bath take mystery out of the game

BY MARK SOUSTER

RUGBY'S recurring theme in recent omes has been that of confusion, so it was of little surprise that the adventof the new season was marked by more of the same at The Recreation Ground. Would Bath be in Europe? Had or had not yellow cards been dis-pensed with? Had Kenny Logan been pushed by Kirsty Young, his news-reader girlfriend, or had he jumped? Add to that the fact that Wasps had to change into an orange kit before kick off because Bath's new strip is predominantly black, and questions about Tony Swift's new role after a boardroom reshuffle, and you soon understand why such an air of uncertainty pervaded.

which, as reigning continental champions, is of particular interest to Bath. Andy Robinson, their coach, professed his ignorance at claims made by Vernon Pugh that English clubs could well be in the European Cup this year, but a twinkle in his eye suggested he may know more.

Both he and Nigel Melville, his counterpart, were astonished when, in the second minute, Bertie Smith, the Irish referee, showed Martin Haag and Paul Volley yellow cards after an early altercation. According to the Rugby Football Union yellow cards no longer exist: either white or red should be produced. The situa-oon became farcical when, after half an hour. Joe Worsley was shown a white card and sent to the sin bin for pulling a shirt at a lineout. Melville could not hide his disdain. "We spend all summer talking about what we

First things first and Europe are going to do and how to interpret to touch down. Logan insisted he had new regulations then they get an Irish referee," he said.

Worsley's temporary dismissal, ten minutes before half time, proved crucial. Wasps were deservedly 14-10 ahead, but Bath scented blood and made their advantage tell when, from a scrum on the 22, Jerry Guscott danced outside Nick Greenstock for the first of his two tries. Bath were never behind from then.

As for Logan he had woken on Saturday morning to find himself front-page, rather than back-page, news. He dodged tabloid reporters after the game in much the same manner as he had beaten a floundering Bath defence in the seventeenth minute. When he collected a loose pass from Rob Henderson on the 22, a try seemed a remote possibility, but the Scot put his head down and forced his way past three would-be tacklers

ended his relaconship with Ms Young, and had done so to save his rugby career. Having moved from Stirling he admitted London's bright lights had turned his head; he had lost form and his international place. Jim Telfer, the Scotland director of rugby, who was running the rule over the Scottish condugent, would have been impressed by Logan's rediscovered focus.

Despite committing a plethora of errors Wasps looked a far more purposeful side than last season and, with a little more guile and creadvity in nudfield, should have won. But they were hindered by a poor performance from Gareth Rees, the fly half, who was off the pace in mind and body and who missed two straightforward conversions. Bath simply took their chances. They relied on the razor-sharp insoncts of Guscott and an imperious goalkick-ing performance by Mike Catt. His tally was 21 points from five penalties and three conversions and he did not miss a trick. The applause for his efforts was bettered only by that which greeted the return of Kevin Yates after his six-month ban. The crowd rose as one when Bath's prodigal son trotted on as a 58th-minute replacement for David Hilton.

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# Irish fall foul of sin-bin ruling

London Irish.....

By MICHAEL AYLWIN

WHENEVER London Irish lose, with their do-or-die spirit, it is usually a fairly tragic experience, but their defeat at Gloucester on Saturday seemed particularly unfair. The Exiles displayed all the tradiconal Irish qualities (if fewer of their passports) but, for all their fire and athleticism. they were undone by, among other things, the latest controversial innovation: the sin-bin

and its various side effects. Peter Rogers, the London Irish loose head, who signed from Gautagne this summer, suffered from the new claims down, as did his team-mates. Indeed, his fortunes mirrored those of his leam. He was rampant early on, his furious drives in the loose helping the Irish to secure the posicion from which they scored the opening try in the fifth minute through Matt Jones.

However, in the fifteenth minute, having killed the ball on the deck, Rogers was warned by the referee of his imminent departure from the field. He only had to wait two minutes before the threat became reality. After a series of disrupted Gloucester scrums close to the Irish line, the inevitably penalty try was awarded. Rogers was deemed to have collapsed the final scrum and Steve Savage, the referee. sent him to the sin-bin.

Rogers returned ten minutes later but then, in the 34th minute. Mapletoft took a quick tap penalty in his own 22 and ran straight at Rogers, who instinctively tackled him. Within the sacred ten yards, Rogers had infringed again and Savage, true to his name, sent him off, this time for Dick Best, the London Irish

director of rugby, just about retained his powers of diplomacy after the game. He welcomed the sin-bin as a progres sive innovation, but predicted a month of chaos as players and referees come to terms with it. "Sometimes you have to go

backwards to go forwards, "he said, "but unfortunately it is us who have gone backwards today. We have actually lost a game and two points, as far as I'm concerned, by a somewhat erratic decision." Gloucester suffered a sin-

bin dismissal themselves in the second half, when Mapletoft was caught shirt tugging, but the timing of the little maestro, who scored 24 of his team's 29 points, was immaculate as he returned to stroke home the penalty that Gloucester had just been awarded.

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# Swansea show right attitude

West Hartlepool..... By GERALD DAVIES

BOTH clubs are on what in other circumstances is euphemistically called a learning curve, a phrase normally churned out when maners are going badly; as an interpretational spin on failure, accentuating the positive, not the negarive. But clearly it is precisely this kind of incline that these

two clubs are on. This is West Hartlepool's introductory season in the Allied Dunbar Premiership's top division. Having emerged from the first division, this is a big step for them to take. They admitted yesterday that the standards of last season will

In begong their visitors on Saturday. Swansea achieved not be enough. line but they are not daunted by the task that lies ahead. The clubs with all the heavyweight credentials and reputation will soon arrive on their doorstep. Rather, they look forward

with anneipacion. The league in Wales has grown somewhat stagnant, as indicated by the continued lack of a league sponsor, although by all accounts there

now on every Saturday offers a diet of keen competition. Swansea are therefore about to find out whether they have the stomach and the talent for the challenge.

West Hartlepool proved a tough nut to crack, if they ever could be said to have cracked at all with Swansea's winning score coming in the third minute of injury time.

minutes of the second half, a lead they kept for the next 20 minutes. Lee Davies then took Swansea into the lead with a penalty before Vile restored it



are one or two likely patrons two minutes later. That seem-waiting in the wings. From ed to be it with defeat staring

Vile had given the visitors a one-point lead at 23-22 after 15



Simon Davies: two tries

ed to be it with defeat staring Swansea ignominiously in the face in this first of their rebellious outings. Going into injury time. Taylor and Arnold made the inidal thrust before Simon Davies, who had scored in the first half and had hardly touched the ball in the meantime, sprinted for 40 me-

The move seemed to prove another point, too. Swansea, in the absence of Arwel Thomas and Scott Gibbs, who are playing in the Commonwealth Games, could not move the ball away from a ten-metre radius around the forwards. For all their possession, there was no variety. The visitors defence was sound. It had to be,

tres for the winning try.

as their scrum creaked. Yet Swansea could well learn a lesson from West Hartlepool's midfield play. Greaves and Connolly, on the few chances they had, always contrived to create space, especially for John to intervene from the blind-side wing. This was the way Bishop's try was manufactured in the 26th minute. Vile kicked two penalties -- one on either side of

Davies's first try. Swansea had taken the lead in the first half with a penalty try, after which both Brewer and Parks were sin-binned Fuller followed a similar path in the second half.

Moriarty's try from a quick penalty, converted by Lee Davies, gave the home team the half-time lead, which the fly half extended with a penalty after the interval. Brewer's try restored the visitors' confidence to stay in the contest. If excitement was generated

towards the end with the lead changing hands three times, it was a match generally of inferior standards. Swansea, however, were pleased with the attendance of

4,000 - a thousand more than they averaged last season. With Newcastle arriving in a fortnight's time, and the other big guns later. Swansea can feel optimistic.

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## Referees to join Welsh breakaway

DAVID PRICE, the rebel official in charge of the Bedford-Cardiff fixture on Saturday, predicted that more referees will break away from the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU). He also claimed that the

Welsh public is fully behind clubs, like Cardiff and Swansea, who are standing up for their beliefs in a British League as the best way forward for Wales. Price said a panel of eight

referees would soon be in place to officiate the Anglo-Sale on Saturday. Welsh club matches involving Cardiff and Swansea, that they would be paid by the home clubs in each case, and that a sponsorship deal for kit is close to completion. He said: "I thought the

game went well, and the only thing I said beforehand was that both teams have a responsibility to give the public entertainment. "I have no gripe with the

WRU, but if my action helps in the process of forcing a British league then I think it will be worthwhile. We are certainly not out for personal gain our payments will be in line with WRU rates."

#### Bedford .....10 Cardiff......27

By MARK BALDWIN

GEOFF COOKE, Bedford's

chief execuove, will seek assurances today from Frank Warren, the chairman, over the latter's failure to pay players of the newly promoted first division clob for five weeks. Warren has promised wage cheques for September 14 but the players need convincing that they should turn out in good faith again for the Premiership One opener away to

Rudi Straeuli's team agreed to shelve a threatened strike in time to take on Cardiff in the first of the controversial Anglo-Welsh friendly matches. The visitors secured victory with three tries in 20 secondhalf minutes in a contest that was entertaining enough given clinging drizzle.

Cooke, who before the game had ignored a fax from the Welsh Rugby Union imploring his side not in fulfil the fixture, said: "It is too late to worry about sanctions from the Rugby Football Union. Tell me, actually, what we have done? All that happened today was two old clubs opong to

Cooke plans cash check

"I was pleased with the passion and spirit my players showed, but we have some proud people here. The players are the front-line troops but all of us involved at Bedford, on and off the field, are in this together. Frank Warren

has told us we will be paid. and that he has been prevented from doing so unol now by his court case with Don King. But all the club's directors intend to meet this week to dis-

On the field, Bedford's main asset seems, from the evidence of this game, to be the silky, elusive Darragh O'Mahony

play a friendly — as we have done many, many times bewood, still fallible under the high ball, failed to burn off Simon Hill when given one chance to thrill a disappointing 1,700 crowd.

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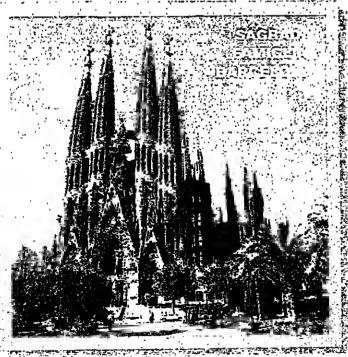


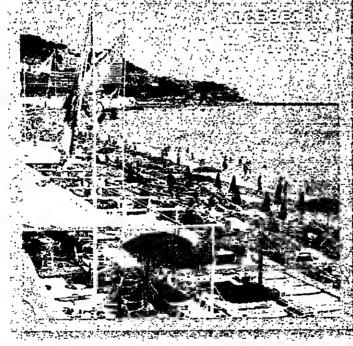
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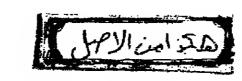




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CHANGING TIMES

# Hidden catches mar return to Ireland

owe Ireland a tot. Thirty-odd years ago it gave me my first trout to a fly. Twenty-odd years ago it gave me my first salmon and first sea trout. It has surrendered the biggest bags of perch, tench and bream that I have taken anywhere. For as long as I can remember. Iretand and especially the west of Ire-

land — has flattered me.
Until, that is, last month. A
fortnight in Connemara, half
of it spent fishing the cream of that region's wonderful waters with some of its finest anglers. gave me a single fish. It was not just that I consistently failed: all of my companions failed as well.

So, an apocalypse in the making? Stocks collapsing and poliuoon rampant? No — or, at least, a qualified no. What happened was all in the game, simply the pendulum of chance and reward making one of its periodic adjustments. Swings and rounda-bouts, bags and blanks, are the stuff of angling. That said, Ireland, like most places, does have its problems.

The continuing, incomprehensible example is the ruination of so many great sea trout fisheries by salmon farming. For all the scienofic studies demonstrating what happens. Ire-land's Ministry of the Marine **Brian Clarke** 

has his patience tested as he

revisits a

favourite haunt

continues to allow salmon farms to be sited in prime sea trout estuaries through which the migraong fish must run. Sea life, attracted by the salmon but driven away from the cages by chemicals, latch on to the passing trout and eat them alive. Many famous fisheries have been wiped out.

Ireland also has problems inland, many of them similar to our own. Rivers and lakes are being polluted by the overuse of fertilisers on the land and the inevitable leaching into the water that results. Some prime spawning streams are choked with algae. Spawning beds are being made unusable by the silt that farm animals sor up. And so

None of these problems. though, can be raised in defence of my performance. Inepotude, a wish to stick to tra-ditional techniques, often adverse weather and the pendu-

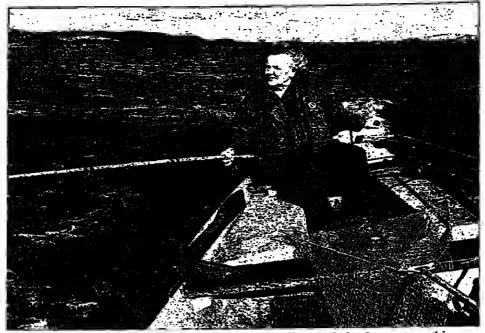
lum of fate, were what took the

I had driven to Lough Furnace with high hopes. The day before I arrived, Furnace had produced the \$99th salmon of its season — a record. Under a blazing sun and on a near flat calm, not a fish was boated to round up the number.

I spent day two on Lough Corrib with the redoubtable Margaret Broadley. An old friend, she is a determined and wily game-fisher, as the 8lb 60z brown trout above her mantlepiece will attest. She is also a courageous but not reck-less boat-handler. At 72, she is still out on the vastness of Corrib three times a week on average, mostly alone in her own small boat. She knows the north shore like the back of her rod handle and tried every likely inch of reachable water. Blank two.

The evening of day three saw me on the River Clare with father and son Ireland inlernational flyfishers, Sonny and Declan Martyn. The Clare is a limestone river with a stock of big, resident trout. The men this season have taken fish to an incredible olb. Almost all of them came on warm, still evenings. Our evening was cold and blustery. Blank three.

Day four was on Lough



Broadley is a redoubtable character but her best efforts in Ireland came to nothing

Maske with Danny Goldrich. He works for the Western Regional Fisheries Board and has spent much of his life on water. He is a famed lough fisher and a master of the stillwater dry fly. No sooner were we in the boat than the wind strengthened. We spent the day beneath scudding clouds,

lifting and sliding between white-topped rollers. It was a wild day, the kind of day, Goldrich said, on which "anything could happen". But it didn't. Blank four.

Day five saw me on the beautiful, poteen-clear Lough Carra, this time with Tom Byrne, He is one of Ireland's

new generation of competition anglers - young keen-edged, open-minded and skilled. He lives in a house that backs onto the lake and his job as a schoolteacher gives him plenty of time to explore it. The weather seemed perfect — good cloud cover, a steady wind. And every minute was fished intently, by both of us. Noth-

A couple of days later, Byrne and I fished Maske. This time we had a searing sun and no wind. The water slumped like mercury in its bowl. Dragon-flies clattered and hawked the margins. Bees drowsed. The fish slumbered deep down -and stayed there.

By the evening of day seven, the last day I had allocated to fishing, a quiet desperadoo had set in. Sonny Martyn invithad set in. Sonny Martyn invi-ed me back to the Clare and in-sisted on ghillying. The evening was not ideal but, with the last light almost gone, he eventually found me a fish. It was far upstream. Only the occasional sip it made at the surface and the faint ebbing rings winking light in the dark-ness revealed where. The trout

took my small sedge first cast.
When it was landed, Sonny cheered and gave me a slap on the back that shook every bone I possessed I whooped and danced a brief jig. The day — the holiday — had been saved. and saved spectacularly. The trout weighed 3lb 5oz. It was the second biggest wild brown I had taken on a dry fly from a

Brian Clarke's fishing column appears on the first Monday of each month. BOXING

# Woodhall fails to convince

Brons goes U

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IF Richie Woodhal, the World Boxing Council sper middle weight champion wants a higmoney showdows with loe Calzaghe, of Wals, the World Boxing Organisation champi-on, he will have a look better in his next contes than he did against Glenn Catley in Teagainst Gienn Chey in [ef-ford (Srikumar Sn writes). Although Wodhall re-tained his title b margins of

two and three rounds, Catley should have been given the verdict. Indeed, with the final bell went. Woodhall put his arm round the Iristol boxer.

and told him: "It' your fight" Woodhall blaned his performance on Satisface his per-formance on Satisface the change of opporant. He had trained for a suppery oppo-nent in VincenzoNardiello of lialy, and foundhimself the ing a short, incaming fighter. on whom he we unable to land a solid purh. "A world champion shoull be able to adapt to any styl." he said. Woodhall mut now meet

Nardiello and reeds to produce an explosve performance to set up ne confrontation with Calzage next year.

# Street children find escape in cricket enclave

By Stephen Wood

THEY are like aliens who have invaded a strange world but, just this once, they are welcomed and encouraged to stay. The sun is shining, the grass is green and lush and teenagers from the City of Sal-

ford are playing cricket.

The game is soll new to some of the children, but they have left the streets behind for a few hours and become a few hours and become hooked on a pastime hardly re-nowned for its cross-class ap-peal. It is, perhaps, the single most noteworthy triumph of Youth Charter for Sport (YCS), the inidative designed to help antisocial children develop

through sport.
Under the YCS umbrella, children from a selection of schools in Salford have been brought together at Winton Cricket Club to give cricket a try, or to advance their interest in the game. It has proved a big success for, on certain days, more chil-

dren have turned up unannounced than can be catered for in one match. Most have ob-

tained the tradioonal cricket whites to give their involvement an authendeity, but two boys who might not look the part certainly encap-

sulate the general feeling. Graeme Watkins and Gareth Guinnane, both 9 years-old, are in the middle of their summer holidays and Graeme, who arends Alder Park Primary School in Salford, said: "We love cricket and just wanted to play, so we came to have a

"We'd be bored if we couldn't come down here. (ve only been into cricket for a couple of months but I want to play for Lancashire when I'm older. I prefer batting and I'm a good fielder as well Graeme and Gareth didn't

realise it at the time, but they were doing the YCS proud. The group places great emphasis on development of children through education - and both lads were improving their numeracy while they were there. "We couldn't play because there were too many children

already here," said Gareth, a

former Alder Park pupil back in town to visit his cousin, Graeme, "So we looked after the scoring and worked on the scoreboard instead, but it's not

as good as playing!"
Graeme added: "My family
thinks we're so boring because
we like cricket and my mates don't want to come. They want to hang around the streets and like bearing people up. I don't want to do that, although if f couldn't come here to play cricket. I don't know what I'd

be doing."
YCS was the brainchild of Geoff Thompson, the former world karate champion, and he first targeted the children of Moss Side. Manchester, in 1993. YCS listed five "focus" sports it would concentrate on and in four of them - football, rugby, combal sports and tennis - it has given antisocial children opportunioes they would not have had. It is fit-

> ting that, as it celebrates its fifth anniversary. YCS believes it has also cracked the elitist domain of crick-

Annesley de Silva, the former Sri Lanka slow left-arm bowler, is now

head coach of crickel for the City of Salford. He said: "We are achieving success in taking cricket to children who never thoughl it would be for them.

"Admittedly, it is a slow process. For all the children who have come to our coaching courses, there are as many still hanging around the streets. There are ways of attracting them, but we need more help from the schools."

Thompson, who echoes that sentiment, believes that Lancashire is waking up to the talent on its doorstep. Thompson said: "Lancashire have a responsibility to give these chil-dren the best chance at cricket they can. It doesn't maner if none of them don't play for Lancashire in the future. The most important thing is that. together, we can educate them, help advance their social awareness and give them selfesteem through cricket."

**SPEEDWAY** 

# Panthers on brink

PETERBOROUGH have the chance to shake off Reading to-night when they travel to Berkshire to take on their nearest challengers in the Premier League championship race (Tony Hoare writes).

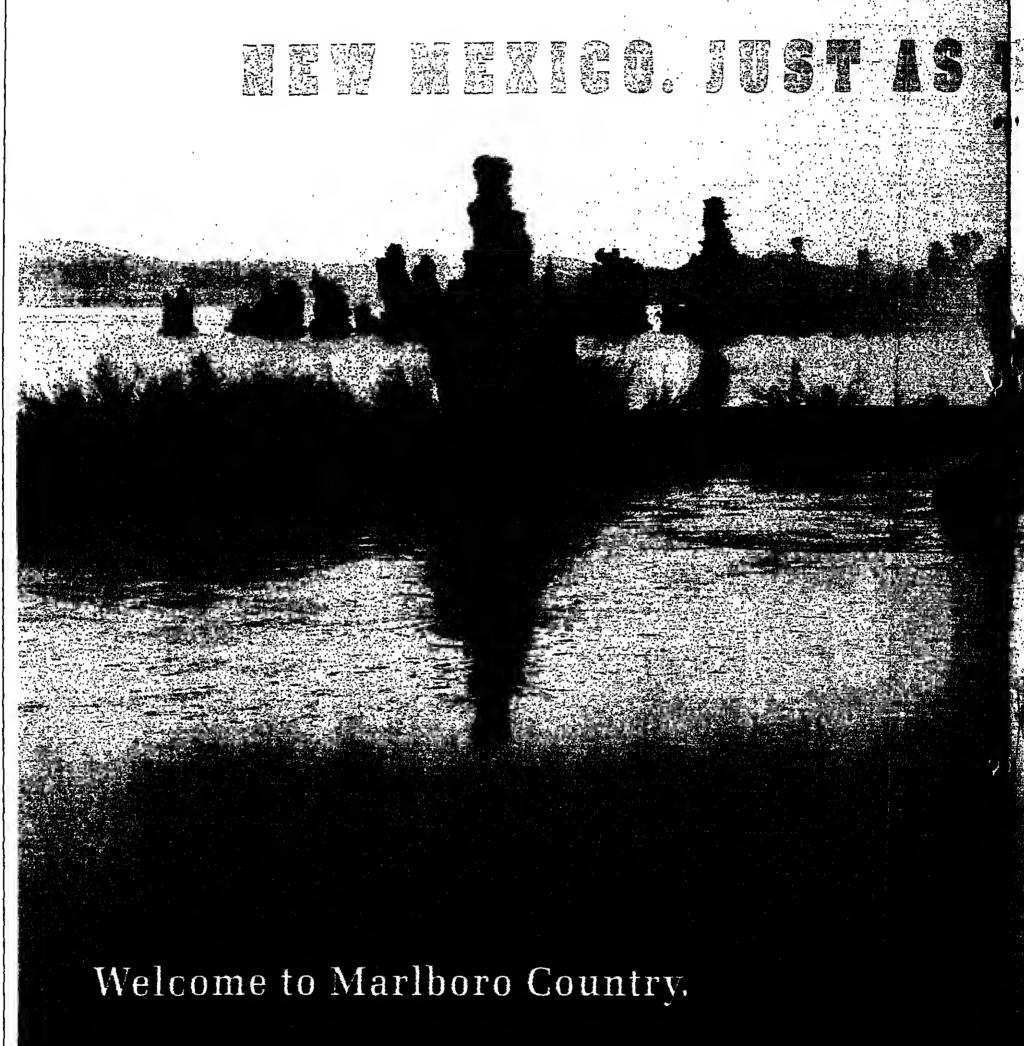
The Panihers have led the league since the start of the season and victory at Smallmead Stadium will make sure Reading cannot catch them in the end-of-season run-in.
A victory for Peterborough

would mean that only a late charge from either Sheffield or Hull could overhaul them as they seek the second championship in their 28-year history. Either of the Yorkshire clubs would need to win all of their

remaining matches to have a chance of winning the otle. Peterborough, who last won the otle in 1992, have based their success on a youth policy that has given them three of Britain's most talented prospects in the same season.

David Howe, the Briosh un-der-16 champion, has risen from reserve to one of the best second strings in the country and Simon Stead and Oliver Allen have performed capably from the reserve berths. All are just 16 years old.

"It's all down to them." Peter Oakes, the Panthers promoter, said. They are proving what we thought, that they can all



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ATHLETICS: GEBRSELASSIE, JONES AND EL GUERROUJ IN THREE-WAY TIE FOR JACKPOT IN MOSCOW

#### Bronson's wish goes unfulfilled

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

BRYAN BRONSON says that his surname is so rare that: outside his family, he knows of only one other Bronson - the actor, Charles. In the Moscow Olympic Stadium at the weekend, the Death Wish urge passed from one Bronson to another.

The Bronson of the moment, with little apparent regard for self-preservation, ran straight into the trap laid by Mammon. There was a cool quarter-share in \$1 million to be made, but Bronson was too

After six victories out of six in the Golden League, the Texan 400 metres hurdler needed only one more win to put his days as an impoverished athlete far behind him. The occasion was the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) grand-prix final in Moscow, and Bronson, though racing in sunglasses. was blinded by the gold.

Out of his blocks, as if panicked by the sound of the

gun. Bronson put 100 much into the first 300 metres. He appearing, in the home straight, as the personification of the Russian commercial banks, sliding into economic First, he lost \$250,000 when

Stephane Diagana, the world champion from France, went past him after Bronson's stride had shortened coming off the tenth and last hurdle. Then, the big money lost, he gave away the loose change. Slowing to a jog after Diagana had overtaken. Bronson faded from second to sixth, costing him a further \$23,000 in place

money.
The jackpot for athletes with seven wins from the Golden League and grand-prix final was thus shared between three: Marion Jones, Hicham El Guerrouj and Haile Gebrselassie. The drama of the decline of Bronson does not disguise the fact that the impact of the jackpot gim-

mick, introduced this year, is lessened by there being more than one winner. If it is to remain a powerful promotional tool for the sport, the IAAF must introduce a system that guarantees a million-dollar champion. How much more exciting the final would have been if a tie-break had been in operation to split Jones, El

Guerrouj and Gebrselassie.
Alternatives might include: winning margin measured as a fraction of the distance run; rformance judged against the Hungarian scoring tables: a sack race (unfair on the athletes, but what fun for the spectators). Scriously, the IAAF needs a solution: one prize, one winner.

One Jones, two events was the theme on Saturday. After taking her unbeaten sequence to 31 individual contests, winning the long jump, the American cruised to victory in the 100 metres. It was recalled three times before the race enjoyed a clean a start, but

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Jones, of the United States, won the long jump and the 100 metres in Moscow

Jones was not upright until almost 40 metres, after which she streiched away to record 10.83sec. Nune of her challengers managed under Hsec, yet they included Zhanna Pintuse-vich, the Ukrainian, who finished within 0.02sec of Jones at the world championships last year, and Irina Privalova.

the 200 metres European champion. The performance of Jones served only to imderline how the margin between her and others is growing. She picked up \$633,000 in prize-money and jackpor money, but she wants to be judged on gold medals. A lormer baskerball player, Jones's slam dunk is planned

for the 2000 Sydney Olympics, where she will seek five gold medals, three individual and two from the relays. She could probably win five at the world championships in Seville next year, but will limit herself to four. Why spoil the effect for the Olympics? Unlike Bron-son, she knows the value of pace judgment.

SAILING

#### Coutts's headsail decision pays off

From Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent IN PORTO CERVO, SARDINIA

THE Rolex Swan World Cup came to an action-packed finale on Saturday with the 82-strong fleet beating into the beginnings of a full-blown mistral billowing down the Sardinian coast. In an incident-filled fifth and final race, Russell Courts, a former America's Cup winner, at the wheel of *Innovision* 5, produced another consistent performance to secure a cham-

pionship victory.

The race officers failed to set a course with a true downwind leg — but the crews had plenty on their hands as they set off into a 22-30 knot wind through the islands. One of the early casualties was Theo Kinsbergen's Swan 68, Defiance, which was in the hunt for a top-three overall place until it lost its headsail 20 minutes into the race. While others, including

Adam Gosling's o51. Yes!, experienced similar problems. Courts and his crew on the Swan 60 got away smoothly and were headed only by Irvine Laidlaw's Highland Fling at the first turning mark. With the breeze on the borderline between a No 2 headsail and a No 3, Couns took the calculated risk of going for the former and it paid off. The decision to start with the No 2 was the right move - it got us out and clear.

whereas a No 3 would have left us in the pack." he said. Later, Courts was the first in the fleet to call for a spinnaker

as Innovision 5 led the chase behind Fling. It was another good move, enabling Counts to pick up valuable time on the way to the Monaci Rocks and secure second place. "In hind-sight, I was worried that we didn't put it up early enough," he said afterwards.

Innovision also numbered among its crew Marcel van Triest, the Dutch Whitbread navigator, and Chris Mason. of Britain. The team were the most consistent in the fleet. finishing second on Saturday to add to two thirds, a fifth and thirteenth.

Second overall was Loris Vaccari's Swan 46, Eurosia, with Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy's 56, Noonmark VI. third. Among the other Brinsh boats, Stephen Fein's 48, Full Pelt. slipped to eighth. Buckingham's Ngoni was ninth with Yes! eleventh and Keith Miller's Crackerjack six-

teenth.

☐ Ben Ainslie's phenomenal success in Lasers confinued on Saturday when he recaptured the European championship that he first won in 1996. Sailing in Austria. Ainslie won four of the nine races and finished seven points ahead of Karl Suneson, of Sweden.

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#### World Cup cause for concern among counties

he World Cup. by definition, will attract the best cricketers in the land to England next season. The competition also leaves the counties facing a dilemma of their own making. Having overturned sensible decision to impose a moratorium on overseas players for a year, they must now decide how — or if — to fill those positions.

According to a provisional fixture list produced by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) for next sea-son, by the time the World Cup finishes on June 20, ten out of 20 championship slots and ten of 23 for the new National League will already have been used. Counties have three options. They can either take somebody after the competition for what is effectively half the season, sign a player who is not involved - either retired from the international game or not deemed worthy of selection — for the full summer, or simply back the talent of their English players and not bother.

The issue of recruitment is complicated further because Australia, whose batsmen are considered to be among the most reliable signings, have commitments in Zim-babwe and Sri Lanka beginning in mid-August. The Sahara Cup in Canada involves India and Pakistan in September, while training camps are being convened at increasingly short notice by more and more countries.

Yet, even with so many potential problems, it appears unlikely that any of the 18 counties will be bold enough to go without. As one chief executive said: "We cannot afford to go out on a limb in case it backfires and leaves us open to criticism."

Sussex, with Michael Bevan. Worcestershire (Tom Moody) and Nottinghamshire [Paul Strang] will retain their present overseas players regardless of partici-pation in the World Cup. Warwickshire are prepared to welcome back Alian Don-ald for half of the campalgn. Others are taking a differ-ent approach. Yorkshire

RICHARD HOBSON



Championship Commentary

have signed Greg Blewen as a stop-gap for Darren Lehmann, who returns in 2000. Derbyshire have reopened negotiations with Michael Slater but have asked for a letter from the Australian Crickel Board (ACB) outlining the player's availability. Ironically, they only turned to Slater when they failed to receive such a guarantee from the Pakistan authorities when they wanted Saeed

Lancashire may demand something similar from Sri Lanka if they decide to pursue Muttiah Muralitharan. Unlikely as it sounds, Sri Lanka are understood to be prepared to give Muralitharan dispensation to miss the build-up to the Australia series.

Gloucestershire have offered Courtney Walsh a twoyear contract, but with the proviso that he misses the World Cup. Walsh has been among the best of all overseas players but Gloucestershire say that, even in his case, they cannol afford to take a gamble. Walsh has been told to make a decision within the next fortnight.

Durham can be as satisfied as any county at this stage. David Boon, the captain, has proved a successful signing since ending his test career.Mark Taylor, his fellow Australian and a proven batsman and captain. is unlikely to figure in the World Cup and looks ideally qualified to fill the vacancy

CRICKET: FINE ALL-ROUND DISPLAY FROM SUCH FAILS TO PREVENT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE VICTORY

#### Essex title hopes slipping away

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Essex by 51 runs

ESSEX had to beat Nottinghamshire yesterday to retain anything other than a flimsy hope of winning the Axa League for a fourth time. That they did not means that Lancashire require a victory, a fle or merely an abandonment from their match against Hampshire at Old Trafford

On a pitch that was unexpectedly slow, Essex, who needed 193 to win, lost nine wickets for 89. A rather uneventful match was much enlivened by an unbroken

today to become champions.

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	Kent (2)	16	760	3 34	2.83		
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(Last year's positions in brackets)

last-wicket stand of 52 between Ashley Cowan and Peter Such. but it was no longer a contest by then. Last week, before being well beaten by Yorkshire at Scarborough, Essex were at the top of the table and contemplating a second oneday trophy in an otherwise troublesome season.

Essex appeared dog-tired here. Bottom of the championship table and, as they play Leicestershire, the leaders, this week, likely to finish there for the first time since 1950, they will have to placate their sizeable following this winter. An element among their crowd knows only modernday success and there is not the same bedrock of support as exists, for instance, in neighbouring Kent, It is, after all, only 19 years since Essex

won any kind of trophy for the first time. Only around 3,500 were present yesterday, an unthinkable crowd in the days of Fletcher and Gooch when Essex were seemingly always in contention for a trophy. Simon Heffer, the writer and at Northamptonshire.



authority on the county, felt some years ago that a lean period would result in the kinds of seismic upheaval that bedevilled Yorkshire. It is as well for them that they won the Benson and Hedges Cup earlier this summer.

Gooch, of course, is irreplaceable. Many supporters will be aware that they have been spoiled down the years. In the absence of Hussain. who had a double hernia in this competition all season.

Surrey (4pts) beat Kent by 41

JUST as Surrey's ignomini-

ous Axa League season

seemed destined to sink to the

lowest of realms, their cap-tain, Adam Hollioake, pro-

duced a fine all-round

performance to carry the

hosts to their first Sunday win

at The Oval (Rupert Cox writes). Their 41-run victory

**Mees Pierson** 

THE OVAL (Kent won toss): the season - takes Surrey

operation last Friday -- he will be fit in time for England's tour of Australia — one or other of Stuart Law and Irani needed to come up with a positive innings. This did not occur. Indeed, nobody other than the last-wicket pair managed more than the odd blow of defiance. The crowd began to drift away before the end. fond as they are of Such, who

clear of Durham's record. in

1996, when they managed one

rictory and a mere six points.

wicket that stifled strokeplay,

batsmen were forced to graft

excess of 42 an over.

On a mottled, two-paced

Law, who has not been selected for the Australia party for the Commonwealth Games, was caught at midwicket, trying to turn Evans through the gap between that fielder and square leg. Prichard skied an attempted hook back to Franks, Peters was taken at slip, driving at the same bowler, and Robinson was bowled looking to take the

attack to Tolley. Danny Law Hollioake lifts Surrey gloom

> ably supported by three for 36 from Michael Bell, allowed Surrey to overrun Kenl and they were humbled with 5.3 overs to spare. Surrey will also have gained heart from the debut

the balance. His four for 18,

for their runs John Batty, the Surrey wicketkeeper, passed of Cari Greenidge, a seamer 35 as he coaxed a target lo and 21-year-old son of Gordon, who exhibited enough As Kent wickets tumbled at potential to suggest he will regular intervals, Hollioake's dismissal of Carl Hooper, have a future in the game, despite seven wicketless over Kent - a second win of with a classic leg-cutter, tilted

successive balls to Bates, Irani swung Oram for six, drove him for four and, the following ball, was leg before on the front foot.

Hyam, who has replaced Rollins behind the stumps, drove Dowman feebly to midon. Other than a few late biffs from Cowan, that was more or less that. His partnership with Such was the highest of the innings and by some way the most entertaining. Franks finished with three wickets and Essex in a state of perplexity.

Yet Nottinghamshire's innings had been pretty featureless. The pitch did not help. Archer made an unbeaten half century that included, unusually, no fours but two sixes off Grayson. Johnson, who has scored more runs in the Axa League than any batsman other than Mal Loye this summer, contributed 31.

The total seemed insufficient, but all Essex had to celebrate was the bowling of Such, who returned figures of 8-2-18-1. Very soon he should be starring again Down

#### Yorkshire's lights go out as Sussex romp home

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By BARNEY SPENDER

HOVE (Yorkshire won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Yorkshire

A FORTNIGHT ago, when Yorkshire's batsmen crum-bled to a dismal 81 all out against Lancashire in the Axa League, they were at least able to blame the vagaries of playing under lights. There were no such excuses yesterday, however, as slumped to 89 all out to allow Sussex the most straightforward of wins.

The sea was fretting enough to assist the likes of Robin Martin-Jenkins, who had a good all-round match. But the Yorkshire batsmen showed an uncharacteristic lack of grit after chooosing to bat first and Sussex romped home with 16 overs to spare.

The consolation for Yorkshire is that they are still fairly certain to finish in the top nine and qualify for the first division next season. Mathematically. Sussex also have a slim chance of making the cut.

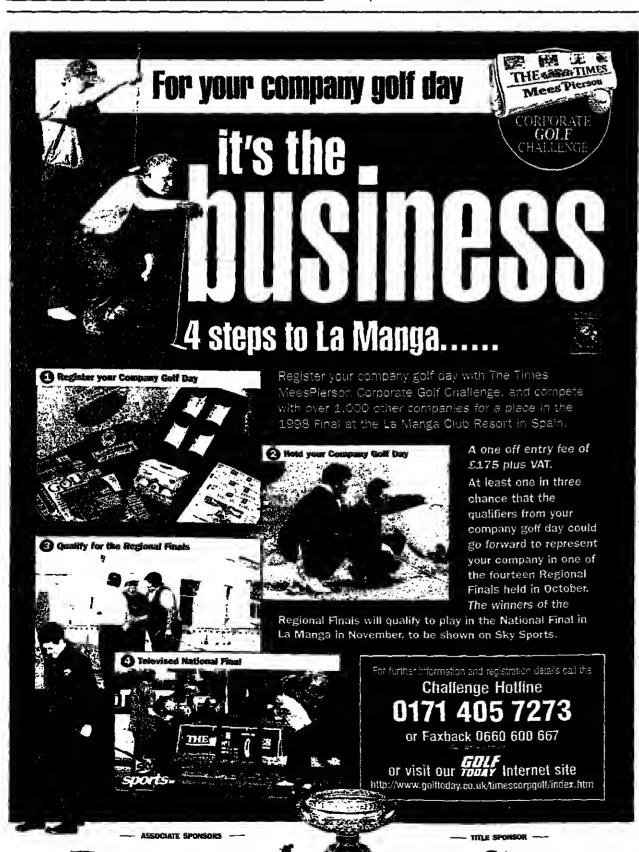
Yorkshire's problems began in the third over when Craig White played on to Martin-Jenkins. Matthew Wood was bowled by Kirtley in the next over and the white rose was quickly replaced by the white flag as the remaining batsmen surrendered meekly.

Martin-Jenkins, who bowled Sussex to victory in their championship match against Glamorgan last week. added the wicket of Michael Vaoghan to claim two for 12 from his eight overs.

Gavin Hamilton was the only batsman to show any staying power, but as he halfthreatened to take Yorkshire beyond the 100-mark. Kirtley wrapped up the innings by removing lan Fisher and Hoggard off successive deliveries and lan Hutchison in

his next over.

Martin-Jenkins completed a good day's work by striking 44 off 49 balls, including six crisp boundaries, as he and Rajesh Rao put on 63 for the first wicket. A mini-slump saw them lose four wickets for six runs in three overs, but Keith Newell and James Carpenter led Sussex home.



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#### CRICKET

#### Durham far from thrill of the chase

By RICHARD HOBSON

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Durham won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Durham by 26 runs

A PRESS release issued by the Axa League spin doctors refer-ring to a "thrilling finish" to the season as counties jostle for a place in the new National League next year became increasingly hard to reconcile yesterday with this contest between two depleted counties on a grey, windswept afternoon at the Riverside.

Results earlier in the summer have ensured that Glamorgan and Durham will both feature in the second division and, while the Welsh county were hardly flawless in their performance yesterday. they still won with considerable comfort.

Matthew Maynard passed 5,000 runs in the competition as Glamorgan reached 232 for seven from 40 overs and, despite a 76 from David Boon and some late hitting by the lower order, Durham could only muster 206 for eight in

It said much for the extent of the injuries afflicting Glamorgan that Maynard and Cortey shared the fifth bowler's duties, With this in mind, they could not afford to post a total below 200 after being put in to

In fact, they might have exceeded 250 but for the loss of six wickets in the last five overs for 23 runs including that of James for 78, bowled as he tried to work away the

expensive spin of Phillips.
The best batting of the game came from Maynard during an opening stand of 170 with James, the second highest for any wicket against Durham on a Sunday. It took a fine catch by Gough, the substitute fielder, at deep mid-wicket to end his innings of 90 from 94 balls with eight fours and a six

behind Staffordshire

BOURNEMOUTH (first day of two: Dorset won toss): Dorset, with eight first-

innings wickets in hand, are 135 runs

OBSTINATE pitches sharpen the com-

petitive edges of seasoned professionals and a damp surface at Dean Park, now

the home of Bournemouth University.

had precisely that effect on Laurie Potter.

the former Kent and Leicestershire all-

rounder, in the Minor Counties champ-

ionship final yesterday.
Potter's innings of 58, including six

considered too wayward to feature in the competition.

The youngster, selected for the England A tour of Zimbabwe and South Africa last week, was not the only bowler to offer too many loose deliveries to the openers as they progressed at a rate of nearly six runs per over. In mitiga-tion, Durham lacked Brown and Betts, but then Glamorgan were even worse affected. missing Waqar, Thomas and Croft

Dale struck a brisk 21 before driving to long off as the quest for quick runs took an expensive toll. If such haste could be excused at the end of the innings, then there was little need for Durham to begin their response quite so excitably.

Roseberry sliced to cover in the third over and Morris. dropped first ball by Maynard, fell soon afterwards to a one-handed catch by Powell at deep square leg. Cosker missed a sharp return chance offered by Boon on 18, but the error never looked as though it would become decisive.

While Boon doubled his previous highest score in the competition this season, his timing was rarely fluent. Speight scored 28 of a thirdwicket stand of 51. driving Cosker for six before hitting the left arm spinner to long off. and Collingwood and Lewis both succumbed tamely to

When Boon did force Cosker straight with the middle of his bat, the ball whistled through the air within an inch of the ear of Dickie Bird on its way to the boundary. The nation's favourite umpire, officiating in his penultimate match before retiring to amuse the blue-rinse circuit, responded by waving a white bandkerchief. In fact, the only surrender was from the home



A soggy scene at Taunton as the covers go on for the final time after Somerset's match against Worcestershire was abandoned with the home side on 77 for four

#### Dakin displays a new trick

LEICESTER (Middlesex won tossk Leicestershire (4pts) beat Middlesex by 160 runs

THE end of the season cannot come too soon for Middlesex. The slump that has already put them in danger of finishing bottom of the Britannic Assurance county championship reached a new low yesterday when they were bowled out for 62, the lowest

score in the Axa League this season, by Leicestershire. Their destroyers were Jimmy Ormond, the young fast bowler, who must have left Mike Gatting wonderlog why he and bis fellow selectors left him out of the England A tour, by taking four for 12, and John Dakin, the powerful allrounder, who finished them off with the first hat-trick of Defiant Potter digs in to thwart Dorset

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

to 177 for six. Dorset, at 42 for two, when

heavy rain ended play lamented not, accepting the umpires offer of bad light

immediately before losing two wickets off

Before losing Richings and Hardy, both

caught at the wicket. Dorset had re-strained Staffordshire through the expert

efforts of Shackleton, 46, whose medium-pace suited the pitch and Pike, 29, a leg

spinner with 39 championship wickets

Remarkably, Pike bas bowled more

successive balls.

this summer.

BY PAT GIBSON

Well as Ormond bowled for his best figures in the competition, it was an inept batting performance on a blameless pitch by a Middlesex side whose confidence and morale seemed to be at rock bottom. Only Ramprakash, the cap-tain, who made 16, and Dutch, who finished on 16 not out, got into double figures.

Leicestershire could have been forgiven for saving their energies for the important matter of the county champlonship, where they now have a five-point lead with two matches to go, but they put it to the back of their minds to turn in an impressive allround performance that virtually guarantees them a place in the top half of the table and qualification for the first divi-

than 300 overs despite a wet season and

his accuracy was rewarded with the

wickets of Wellings and Mills, who was

caught at long on by the only deep fielder.

Dean had cut the fourth ball of the match, from Shackleton, to gully but

Potter's vigilance and that of Steele, son of

David, the former Northamptonshire and

England batsman, sustained Stafford-

shire. Steele made 40 not out from 64

balls, surviving the loss of Harvey, run

out by Scott's direct hit and Humphries, bowled by Cowley.

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ball that stopped on him.

Potter was then caught at mid-off off a

sioo of the new National

window of the players' dining

He was to prove even more destructive with the ball. Mid-dlesex got off to the worst possible start when Brown was run out by Wells's throw off his first ball. Strauss was caught behind, Shah at cover and Ramprakash at loog leg. but Ormond reserved his most meaningful delivery for Gatting, beating him for pace to rip out his middle stump. All that remained was for Dakin to have Hewitt caught at second slip and bowl the

League next season.
Their total of 222 for eight

was based on an opening partnership of 69 in 14 overs between Wells and Dakin. Though the middle order did not get very far, Simmons and Lewis picked up the momenturn and Ormond finished the innings with a six through the

Umpres: J C Balderstone and 8 Dudleston

obliging Fraser and Tufnell to record Leicestershire's first hat-trick in the competition since Graham McKenzie it against Essex in 1972. Total (8 wkis, 40 overs)

#### YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

BCWLING Flaser 8-0-43-0 Hewill 8-1-35-0: Tulnet 8-0-39-2; Dutch 5-0-26-1; Johnson 8-0-45-4; Weekes 3-0-20-1.

MIDDLESEX

K P Dutch not out R L Johnson & Williamson . J P Hewat C Lewis b Dakin A R C Fraser Ibw b Dakin P C R Tulnell b Dakin

Total (22.4 overs) ........

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-0, 2-12, 3-21, 4-33, 5-37, 6-40, 7-41, 8-62, 9-62

BOWLING Ormand 8-3-12-4, Lewis 5-0-17-1; Williamson 6-2-17-1, Dal-In 3-4-1-

SOMERSET

M Burns b Sherker
M Burns b Sherker
M N Lathwell st Rhodes b Blangvorth
M E Trescothich c Rhodes b Hayres
P O Bowler c Catterall b Burgworth
K A Parsons not out
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Total (4 wkts, 19 overs) .....

J I O Kerr, G D Rose, A R Y, Pierson, A R Caddick and P S Jones did not bal

Umpires R Palmer and NT Plews

Extras (b 6, w 2) -

Axa League

Durham v Glamorgan RIVERSIDE (Dumam won toss). Glamo gan (4pts) beat Durham by 26 runs

GLAMORGAN

S P James b Philips

"M P Maynard c rub b Philips
A Dale c Chapman b Philips
P A Cottey run out
M J Powell b Colonomod
A W Evens c sub b Wood 

Total (7 wkts, 40 overs) ...... D A Cosker and O T Parkin did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-170, 2-209, 3-214, 4-214, 5-225, 6-227, 7-229 BOWLING Wood 8-0-29-1 Killeen 4-0-22-0 Collingwood 8-0-29-1 Harmison 6-0-45-0, Chapman 6-0-25-0 Philips 8-0-

CURHAM \*\*D C Boon b Parkan

M A Roseberry c James b Parkin

J E Monto c Powell b Parkin

1M P Sperght c Danes b Coster

P O Collingwood c Maynard b Cottey

J B Lewis c Maynard b Cottey

S Chapman low b Danes

N C Philips c Law b Davies

J Wood not out

Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) ...... S J Harmison did not cat FALL OF VACKETS, 1-7, 2-20, 3-71, 4-116, 5-124, 6-148, 7-152, 8-166 HIS. 5-124. Parker 8-0-25-3; Davies 8-1-46-2; Cosker 5-0-53-1. Cale 8-0-22-0. Maynard 4-0-20-9. Colley 4-1-22-2. Umpres H O Bird and V A Holder

Essex v Nottinghamshire CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss) Not-linghamshire (Apts) beat Esser by 51

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

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P R Pollard c Couen b Such
P Johnson b Grayson
G F Archer rol 1011 M P Dowman run but ... CM Tolley lbw b Cowan P J Franks run cul 1C M W Read not out Extrac lb 1, to 9, w o)

Total (6 wkts, 40 overs) ... .. K P Evans, R T Bates and A R Oram did

FALL OF WICKETS 1-25, 2-70, 3-70, 4-101, 5-157, 6-163 BOMLING Ilott 8-0-32-1: Cowan 8-0-44-1, Such 8-2-18-1, Itani 8-0-47-0, Grayson 8-0-41-1

ESSEX
P J Prichard c and b Franks 11
S G Law c Pollard b Evans 6
S O Peters c Pollard b Franks 7
R C Itari Ibw b Oram 22
A P Grayson b Bates 55
O J Robinson b Tolley 0
O R Law c Archer b Bates 55
I J Hyarn c Gallian b Downton 1
A P Cowan not out 40
M C Blot c Read b Franks 11
P M Such not out 13
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Leicestershire v Middlesex LEICESTER (Middlesex won toss) Leicestershire (4pts) beat Middlesex by

LEICESTERSHIRE 

8-0-30-2; McCague 3-1-35-2. Fleming 6 0-43-2; Hooper 8-0-37-1 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-20, 3-115, 4-122, 5-151, 6-168, 7-196, 8-210

KENT T R ward c Brown b Benjamm E T Smith b Bell ..... R W T Key c Ratclife b Salisbury 

FALL OF WICKETS 1-12 2-38, 3-68, 4-70, 5-96, 6-106, 7-113, 8-138, 9-141 80 V/LING Schjamin 6-1-12-1 Greenidge 7-0-35-0 Salesbury 7-0-37-1, Bell 8-0-36-3, Hothooke 5-3-0-16-4 Umpires A A Jones and A G T Whitehead

HDVE (Yorkshire won toss): Susser (4pts) beat Yorkshire by su wickets YORKSHIRE

C White b Martin-Jenhurs
M P Vaughan low o Martin-Jenhurs
M J Wood b Kurley
"D Byas c Adams b Robinson
8 Parker c Carpenier b k Newell
ffi J Blakey no out
C E W Silvenvood b Adams
10 Sebes c and b Raffey

10 Sebes c and b Raffey Somerset v Worcestershire TAUNTON (Somerset won loss) No result Somerset (2pts) Worcestershire (2) I D Figher c and b Finley ...
M J Hoogard low b Kinley
P M Hutchison b Finley
Extras (b 1, fb 2, w 1)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-14, 2-25, 3-56, 4-58 BOWLING Shervar 3-0-23-1, Haynes 4-2-12-1, Lampet 5-0-21-0, likegworth 5-1-10-2, Rawnsley 2-0-9-0 WORCESTERSHIRE: W P C Weston, V S Solank, "G A Hick, O A Learnercale, 1S J Rindes, G R Haynes, R K Illingworth, S R Lampit, O Catterall, M. J. Rawnsley, A Sherivar

Umpires, J.H. Harms and J.W. Holder Sarrey v Kent

THE OVAL (Kent won loss) Surrey (4pts) best Kent by 41 runs best Kem by 41 m/s

SURREY

D. J. Bischnell b Flemming 23

I. J. Ward c Marsh b Phullips 44

J. O. Raichlife c and b Hooper 24

A. O. Brown b Phillips 4A

A. D. Brown b Phillips 36

A. J. Hollinake c Hooper b McCague 32

J. N. Barry not out 38

I. O. K. Sairsbury b Flemming 38

A. V. Bell b Headley 32

J.E. Benjamin not out 33

Earlas (b, 13, w, 11) 24

Total (B, wids, 40 overs) 183

Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)

C G Greenidge did not bal FALL OF WICKETS 1-17, 2-51, 3-58, 4-79, 5-91, 6-141, 7-156, 8-167 BOWLING, Headley 8-1-25-1, Philips



James Ormond: routed

Total (33.3 overs) ...

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Sussex v Yorkshire

BOMLING Martin-Jenkins 8-2-12-2 Kirley 8-0-21-4; Edwards 5-2-7-0, Robin-son 6-0-19-1, K Newell 6-0-17-1, Agams 3-0-10-1

R I. Rao run out 21 R S C Marin-Jeniuns It vi b Hoggard 44 °C J Adams c Syas b vaughan 0

Tritat (4 wkts. 24 over51 ...

W.G. Khan, A.D. Edwards, 1S. Humphires R.J. Kintey and M.A. Robinson did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-63 2-63 3-69, 4-80WLING Silvery.cod 4-0-15-0. Hutchson 3-0-15-0. Fisher 4-0-17-0. Hamilion 4-0-16-0. Vaughan 5-0-14-1 Hoggard 4-0-12-2

Umpres OR Shephera and JF Steele **Minor Counties** 

Championship Play-Off Dorset v Staffordshire DEAN PARK BOURNEMOUTH (first day of two, Dorset won loss) Dorset with eight first-innings wickers in hand, are 135 nurs behind Staffordshire

STAFFOROSHIRE: First Innings STAFFOROSHIRE: First Inning
Poter a Swaibnot to Shackleton
S J Dean c Rintoul to Shackleton
P E Wellings o Roynolds to Pilke
M William C Richings to Pilke
M V Steele not out
R P Harvey run out
M I Humphries to Cowley
D R Womble not out
Edras (b 1, lb 8, w 2, nb 8) Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) ......177 OJ Brock, DJ P Boden and A Richardson

FALL DF WICKETS, 1-1, 2-39 3-73, 4-112, 5-147, 6-156 BOWLING Shackleton 22-6-54-2, Diment 6-2-20-0, Phile 19-1-74-2, Cowley 3-0-20-

DORSET, First Innings
"J J E Hardy c Humphries b Brock
TW Richings o Humphries b Boden
RJ Scott not out
10 O Reynolds not out
Edras (w 2, nb 2)
4 Total (2 wkls, 11.5 overs) ... T C Z Lamb, M Swartnick, 5 W D Rintoul, N G Cowley, V J Pike, 5 Diment and J H Shackleton to bat FALL OF WICE TS 1-41 2-41 80WLING Richardson 5-1-23-0 Ercct 5-5-1-14-1, Boden 1-0-5-1

# fours from 114 balls, guided Staffordsbire

#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

When you have a trump holding headed by the ace, with the opposition having the other high honours, ducking a round is frequently best, whether you are defender or declarer. Here is an Rubber bridge

#10862 +AQ74 +95 #10987 #Q8 +K106 +K106 +Q1082 #AJ8 #AJ8 #A974 +53 +A784	. s	VA		2C	Pass	
<b>♦</b> KQ3		♥Q8 +K106 +Q1082	♥ 10 8 6 2 ◆ A Q 7 4 ◆ 9 5 N W E ◆ A J 8 ♥ A 9 7 4 ◆ 5 3 ◆ A 7 8 4	±542 ♥KJ5 ◆J982	В	
Dealer Soul	2,000	_	<b>∳</b> KQ3			

The idea on this type of hand

is to duck a club, then duck a trump, then cash the ace of trumps. You have to assume the diamond finesse is right otherwise the defence will have four tricks. Finally, cash all the side winners (taking the diamond finesse), then go backwards and forwards ruffing clubs in dummy and diamonds in hand. In effect you make three spade tricks, two hearts, two diamonds, one

club and two ruffs.

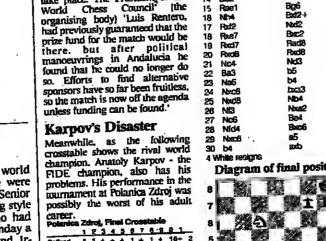
ZOPF

a. A pigtail

British medals in the world championships in Lille were confined to the Elf Senior Pairs, won in convincing style by Boris Schapiro, who had celebrated his 89th birthday a few days previously and Ir-

ving Gordon. The Societe Generale Open Pairs was won by Michal Kwiecien and Jacek Pszczola, of Poland.

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BY RAYMOND KEENE

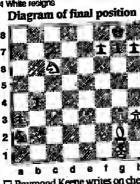
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

According to reports on the internet, as yet unconfirmed by Kasparov, his forthcoming ritle defence against Alexei Shirov is in

jeopardy. The report stated The match between Gary Kasparov and Alexei Shirov is not going to take place. The President of the

Title Jeopardy

Alexei Shiroy Polanica Błack: King's Indian Attack

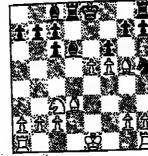


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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Naylor -Spanton, Major Open, Torquay 1998. Although White has attacked the black bishop on d6. Black has countered against the white bishop on g5. How did White resolve the tension in his favour? Solution on page 46



# TUESDAY

In tomorrow's 30p Times, read exclusive extracts from Richard Branson's autobiography, Losing My Virginity.

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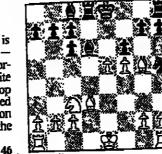
a. Crisp biscuits b. Noxious compounds c. Shipmasters

b. Bread and milk c. Lip salve MERCAPTANS

a. Nonsense b. A cartoon character c. A reed instrument SPATCHCOCK a. A grilled fowl

By Philip Howard

h. A safety valve c. Prep school initiation rite Answers on page 46



#### FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS BLACKPOOL: Taibot Trophy: Sixth round: P Felding (Bochdale) bt P Stinger (Black-burn) 21-16, P Hawkes (Prestor) bt G Storer Burnwood) 21-12, R Beader (Blackbord) bt A Broadhurst (Aspull) 21-19: P Blackborn (P Wilson (Lytham) bt R Event (Walsalli 21-11, 15, A Carns (Rossendale) bt D Kirkham Stretlord) 21-11, G Cookson (Minstord) bt M Holizoti (Blackpool) 21-18, W Munro (Audershaw) bt G Beakly (Hydel 21-8 WORTHINN) C Open burnannent: Finals: WORTHING: Open tournsment: Finals: Pelrs: M Dare (Kings, Torquay) and I of Snowdon (Opecut) bij Hohman Worthing Pavikini) and A knapp (Hoisham) 31-4 Fours: J Peapock, V Throver, D Wels jath Worthington and C lene, Welstighten bit S

112.
FRANCIS BURTON MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Latoestershire 94 (3pts) Northernptonshire 118 (13pts) INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire 118 Warwickhire 102: Berkstrine 123 Gloucestershire 119

**BOXING** 

TELFORD: Super-bantemwerght flour rounds) G Rees (Newbridge) bit J Farrett (Booker, pts. Super-bantemwerght the rounds) M Gornez (Manchester) bit P Buckley (Bernangharm), pts. Wetterwerght to rounds) A Farrett (Manchester) bit D Williams (Swarsee), rid 4th Wetterwerght high) rounds): P Samuels (Newbridge) bit S McCracken (Bernangham), pis CANOEING

SZEGED, Hungary: Flatwater World Champtonships: Men: Singles: Canoe: 200 metres: 1, Doldor IC2; 41 622sec. 2, Knazovicky (SN) 41 666. 3, Shvrish (Uld) 41 714 500 metres: 1, M Opaliou (Puss) 3mm 01,009sec. 2, A Dittiner 1,3er. 201617, 3, M Shvilvish (Uld) - 102-413, 1,000 metres: 1, S Gales, ICanj O4mn 06 725sec. 2, MOoldor (CZI 04 407 525. 3, A Dittiner (Gen 04 10 917 Kayak: 200 meters: 1, Kolganov IIS1) 36 239sec. 2, Sforrish ID41 36 460, 3, Faponox Mugi 36 568 500 metres: 1, A Vercker (Horl) 1mm 43 546/sec. 2, M Kofganov IIS1 143 698. 3, L Livrovski IGer) 1,14 706 1,000 metres: 1, L Livrovski IGer) 3169-32ma 40 736/sec. 2, k Holmann (Nor) 03 42 806. 3, J Comea [Arg] 03 45 074 Pairs: Canoer

Kondaley, A. Kostogloto, Processo (Romi) 35 6 550. 3. G. Zalla, E. Ipacs (Hum) 03.57 496. Knyak, I. 1,000 metres: 1, A. Rioss, I. Negn (It) 03mm 28 728,562. 2, M. Jank, S. Jank (Phys) 03.29 364; 3, A. Adam, K. Vereb (Hum) 03:29 728 500m 1. Redorler, Baca (Salv.) Imm 32.042,565; 2, M. Jank, S. Jank (Phys) 03:29 728 500m 1. Redorler, Baca (Salv.) Imm 32.042,565; 2, Benomi, Neon (It) 12:286 5. 3. Bartal, Howath (Hum) 13:298 Fours Canno 200 metres: 1, Prochacka, Krivanek, Puksa, Kozocak (Ca) 34 930ser; 2, Messeko, Kozocak (Ca) 34 930ser; 2, Messeko, Renersk, Belgaev, Pietnev (Belg.) 34,6293, Konovalov, Formitchav, Ladoicka, Kostoglod (Pluss) 34 721 500 metres: 1, Horvath, Rolances, Szuszku, Hummer (Hum) Imm 37 699sec, 2, Andriev, Popeciu. Pasca, Avenen (Rom) 137,723, 3, Konovalov, Potention, Ladoics, Kabanov, V. Maticv, A. Kabanov, I. Zivustko, C. Hutiner (Hum) 30:40660, 3, M. Coldor, P. Nettucil, J. Mactuc, V. Jirasky (C2) 03:41 736 Knyak, 200 metres: finat 1, kapier, Febravan, Bee, Hegedus, (Hum) 31 156sec, 2, Ross, Bonom, Lussignok, Negri (It) 31:495, 3, Gjora, Feichreim, Holmann, Hengali (Not) 1555 500 metres: 1, Gutsche, M. Zabet B. Bach, Ulm (Gert Imm 24 958ec; 2, Storz, Bartial, Szadovszky, Bauer (Hum) 31 735; Storz, Bartial, Szadovszky, Bauer (Hum) 12:5750. 230s. Jickem (It) 156 774 1,000 metres: 1, Jickem (It) 04mm 05 198ces, 2, C. Bruset (Can) 373; 3, A. Tichchonio, S. Verine, G. Tsybutnikov, Avennik (Ithus) 03:09 739 Women: Singles: Kayak; 500 metres: 1, C. Brunet (Can) 1min 55, 1745ec, 2, K. Borchen (Aus) 1756 722, 3, Jickem (It) 156 774 1,000 metres: 1, Jickem (It) 04mm 05 198ces, 2, C. Bruset (Can) 38 70sec, 2, Dekany, Foban (Hum) 37 739 3, Manchon, Aramburu, Spi 39 14 500 metres: 1, Jickem, Foban (Hum) 37 739 3, Manchon, Aramburu, Penas, Sanchez (Sp.) 145 227

500 metres: 1, C Horvath, G Kolonics (Hon) 1mm 45 941sec: 2, P Beraszkiewcz, D Jednaszko (Pol) 1 47 161; 3, T Zareske, C Glille (Ger) 1 47 409 1,000 matres: 1, A Kovallev, A Kostoglod (Russ) 03mm 56 038ec; 2, G Anchiev, Popoescu (Rum) 03 66 550, 3, G Zala, E (paes (Hun)

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPRONSHIP: Final day of four: Chesterfield: Nottingham 74 ond 440-4 dec (IJ Alzael 127, M P Dowman 123 not our, N A Gis 99). Derbyshire 376-6 dec (S Ahmed 178 not our, A P Woolky 51). Match drawn Final day of three: Worcester: Worcestershire 313 and 206; Hampshire 179 and 218 JJ S Lerby 50: J De La Pana 4-69). Wordstershire won by 130 nurs. Oresed CC: Durhern 158 IC G Graenidge 4-26) and 228 IPL Cerlin 78, C J Hewson 82, R M Ahms 5-69, G J Betty 4-33). Surrey 248 (G A Knott 70, J D Raddiffle 52, N C Philips 5-64 and 128-7 (G A knott 50 not our). Melch trawn. Colchester. Essex 128 and 136 (D Shadiffle 55), Lancashire 278-7 dec (if Green 50 not our) and 49-2 Lencashire won the eght workers Kenliworth Wardens CC: Middlegex 222 and 280 (IB L Hutton 74, M J W Whight 56); Warwickshira 296-9 (G D Frankin 60 not out, D Rashd 6-90) and 210-2 (M A Shekh 103 not out, T. T. Penney 63). Warwickshire won by eight wickels. **CYCLING** 

CORDONA: Tour of Spain: First stage results 1161 7km] 1. M Zberg (Switz) 4hr 11mm 08sec. 2. G Figueras (II), 3. L Jatabert (Fig. 4, A Tohmil-(Bel), 5. M Pattsel (Swel 6, E Agnano (II); 7. P Petegern (Bel), 8. A Edu (Sp.) 8. N Mattan (Bel); 10. F Gudin (II) all at the same time Overall positions: 1, Zberg 4hr 10min 58sec; 2, Figueras at 4sec, 3, Jabbert same time, 4, Gudin 9, 5. U Evebarna (Ven) same time, 6, F Cerezo (Sp.) (I. 7, Tohmil 12, 8, Ritussi same time, 8, Aggiano 10, P Pelegern (Ben, British placing: 150, C Boardman 1503 SWYNNIERTON). Staffordshire: Brian

a, Appliano IV. Prescripting and interplacing: 150. C Boardman 15 03
SWYNINERTON, Staffordshire: BrisinHouriks Cycles Girand Pric Premier Calendar senses: (103 miles): 1, M Lovati (Team
Ambrosis) 3rt 55mm 15sec. 2, R Lyne
(Team Bristo) at 45sec. 3, J Cay (Team
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Chenjar 11): 11
DOVE HOLES, Supton: National Vaterans'
Championship (63 miles): 1, G Hill
(Dinnington RC) 2hr 51mm 15sec. 2, P Aue
(Inversal CC): 3, W Gribb (Johnstone Wheelers), both same time Over-50 (53
miles): 1, Jewell (Team Comidon) 2:25:41.
CAMPSIE GLEBI: Scottish Junior Championship (58 miles): 1, A Ross (Cattreess
CC) 2hr 41min: 2, S Campbell (Middothan
RT) at 4 06: 3, R Scott (Clarka Contracts RT)
at 4 06: 3, R Scott (Clarka Contracts RT)
at 4 06: 3. same time SENTLEY, Hampshire: GHS National schools' champlonship 110-mile): 1, K Paga (MCS RT, Isle of Wight) 22min 18sec.

2, B Hailam (Team Brize) 22:30; 3, M Baker (Pensby HS, Wirrel) 22:40. Team: Team Brize 1:09:22 Girls: N Cooke (Brynleg Corns, South Wales) 24:17. RANISY, Nottinghamathre: North Midlands CF 1:00 milest; 1, C Startlorth, UE James RT) 3h: Simin 10sac; 2, P Rayner (Welland Valley Winesters) 3:55:50; 3, R Jackson (Haurstow and Distinct Wheelers) 3:57:19 Team: Rutland CC 12:23:23
TADCASTER, North Vindshire: Cifion CC (50 miles); 1, D Wasts (Haiflar RC) 1h: 48min 48ac; 2, J Wasts (Haiflar RC) 1:49:98 Team: Australe Olympo 6:20:50. BROXTON: Chester RC (50 miles); 1, D Feeley (Rhy) CC) 1h: Spinin 3:3sec; 2, S Hulme (Team Velocity) 1:53:41, 3, M Istershood (Southport CC) 1:55:20 Team: Ray CR 20:53:41 Isterwood (Southport CC) 1:35:20 Team:
Reyl CC 505:37
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3.25-12. PEVEREL, Easen: Eastern Counties CA (25 miles) 1, 5 Yates (Team Cleam) 47mm (85cc (course record), 2, 5 Chera (AP) Respony) 50-13, 3, 1. Paimer (Leo RC) 50-54 Team: Eastbourne Rovers 2-40,54

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

BURGHLEY: Pedigree Chum Horse Tri-als: 1, Chesterfield (8 Tail. NZ) 67 80pts: 2, Aspyring (8 Tart. NZ) 82.00: 3, Hinnegar IA Nicholson, NZ) 92.0: 4, Bally Free IJ Tutoch, GBI 96 80; 5, Siemce ID Jocetyn, NZ) 101 6; 6, Comish Ervoy (K Parker, GBI 103 00; 7, Kibah Sandstone M Ryan, Australia) 104 8; 8, Mentiton IA Nicholson, NZ) 106 20; 9, Faircinkum (P Dutton, Australia) 109 40; 10, Mr Burntole (N Tweddie, GB) 118 60 **GOLF** 

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerla

68, 66, 67 270; M.A. Jiménez (Sp.) 67, 69, 70, 64; J.Van de Vetta (F.) 87, 66, 72, 65; R. Kartsson (Swe) 69, 69, 66, 66, 72, 65; R. Kartsson (Swe) 69, 69, 64, 69 271; S. Henderson 68, 66, 68, 69, 277; C. Montpomerie 70, 66, 69, 67; S. Tomance 67, 68, 76, 67; I. Wastwood 70, 68, 68, 69, 69, 69, 71, 67; I. Wastwood 70, 68, 66, 69, 69, 72, 67; I. Wastwood 70, 68, 66, 69, 69, 72, 67; I. Wastwood 70, 68, 66, 69, 69, 72, 67; I. Wastwood 70, 68, 66, 69, 69, 72, 67; I. Wastwood 70, 68, 66, 69, 69, 72, 73, 73, 69; S. Gustalson (Gwell Britain and Ireland University Studies 1, 24, 11 Timming (Den) 73, 73, 28; S. Gustalson (Swe) 68, 78, 78, 8, 60; Sustalson (Swe) 69, 78, 78, 69, 77, 75, 70, M. Pristoler-Boself (Fr) 75, 76, 71; R. Carriston (Sp.) 71, 75, 72, 225; M. Hagerman (Holl) 75, 74, 74, 224; I. Greve (Den) 75, 77, 72, J. Head 72, 79, 73; K. Larsson (Swe) 76, 74, 74, A.M. Kriignit (Aus) 73, 76, 75; A. Larraneta (Sp.) 73, 75, 76
DALMAHOY, Edinburgh: Scottists Seniors Open: Leaders after trivee rounds (Great Brigan and Ireland unless state); 205; D. Hutsh 70, 65, 70, 206; D. Jones 65, 70, A. Gamdo (Sp.) 76, 77, 270; 68, 8738, (KS) 74, 68, 69, 200; J. Carr (LS) 73, 65, 70; A. Gamdo (Sp.) 76, 77, 27; 48; T. Gale (Aus) 72, 66, 72, 211; C. O'Connor 16, 69, 71, 71.
PORTILAND, Oregon: LPGA champire-wider (aerders sterre true munics (United) **MOTOR RACING** 

SAILING

72: 88: 7 Gale (Aun) 72, 66, 72 211: C O'Cornor xt 69, 71, 71.
PORTLAND, Oregon: LPGA championship: Leaders after two rounds (whise States unless stated): 132: Dankele Ammercapene 65, 67: 136: E Nien 68, 67.
138: J Intester 70, 68, E Whod 70, 68, T Barrett 69, 69: C Sorenstam (Swe) 69, 68.
139: D Andrews 72, 67, 5 Tumer 70, 69, M Horth (Swe) 70, 69. 141: L Earley 72, 69, Se Ri Pak (S Kor) 72, 69, Depoper 72, 70: K Seid 72, 77, P Hust 68, 73 142: A Benz 74, 68, D Richard 73, 59, D Pepper 72, 70: K Seid 72, 70; K Albers 71, 71. K Webb (Aus) 71, 71, C Kerr 71, 71. R Herbertrigton (Aus) 71, 71
143: M Lunn (Aus) 70, 73
GREATER MILWALIKEE OPEN: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated): 197: J Suman 68, 65, 63, C Perry 68, 62, 67 188: S Snoder 68, 63, 67, 198: N Henler 70, 62, 67; M Calcasvechia 66, 84, 69 200: J Meginnes 67, 55, 68 201: J Lews 74, 69, 64, 68, M Carnevale 68, 66, 69.
202: T Amour 68, 68, 66: D Barron 67, 67, 68, 61 Harsterd (Swe) 66, 67, 69. ROWING HOCKEY

HARLESTON TOURNAMENT: Harleston M 2 Anchorians 0, Bromley 3 City of Portsmouth 4, Harami 4 Norton 0, Magpies 2 City of Portsmouth 3: Anchorians 3 Norion 2; Havant 7 Bromley 1. 2: Havart 7 Bromley 1.

QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT (In Bournamouth): Bournamouth 1 Oxford Hawls 4, Bockenham 0 Firebrands 2, Bournamouth 2 Firebrands 0: Beckenham 2

MOTORCYCLING

TMOLA, San Mentrino: Grand Pribr. 12Scc. 1.

T. Marisho. (Japan, Honda). Ažmir US 83186c. 2. M. Melandin. (II., Honda). 42015 918: 3. M. Azums. (Japan, Honda). 4205 918: 3. M. Azums. (Japan, Honda). 4216 225: 4. K. Sakata. (Japan, Azrika). 4216.237: 5. M. Tokudome Ukpain, Aprika). 4226.530. Wondo standings: 1. Saleata. 198pts: 2. Melandin 158, 3. Mansko. 147. 250ccr. 1, V. Flossi. (II., Aprika). 43mn. 43.815scc. 2. L. Capirossi. (II., Aprika). 4349.65. 522: 3. S. Perugni. (II., Honda). 4350.338: 5. D. Jacque. (Fr. Honda). 441:12.955. 6. H. Aola. (Japan, Honda). 440:10.6565; 3. M. Beago; (II., Honda). 460:6.656; 3. M. Beago; II., Honda). 460:6.656; 3. M. Beago; III., H

DOMINGTON PARK: FIA Grand Touring Car Championship: Seventh round (125 laps, 312 miles): 1, B Schnader and M Webber (Ger/Aus, Mercades CLK, LN), 3hr 05mm 00 731sec; 2, K Ludwig end R Zonta (Ger/Br, Mercades CLK, LN) at 45 320sec; 3, Y Demiss and A McNish (Fr/GB, Porache 811) one lap.

Mill WALKEE. United States: Soling World Championships: Final overall results (after nine races): 1. G Shaokko, 3 Kornerov and 8 Volchkov (Russ) 1129; 2. S Perbugin, V Korotlov and 8 Temokhov (Ibr) 114; 3. P Can. P. I. Formelli and F Colsarimo (Ibr 132. British piacings: 14, A Beadeworth, B Parkin and R Sydneham 160.

Heart 2. 1. Germany IR Sens and D. Garchhott) 6:37:55 Heart 3: 1. Italy (F Mattel and W Bottega) 6:38:21. Heart 4: 1, 1/10 goslave (F V sacks and N Storte) 6:38:69 Codless fours temner to sem-firers, set to repediage). Heart 1: 1. Great Britan (J Cacknell, S Redgrave, I T Foster and M Prisemi 6:04:38 Heart 2: 1. Italy (M Motea, R Di Ress) L Carbonola and C Mometil, R Di Ress) L Carbonola and G Sewari, 8:03:50 Cosed pairs temner through to final rest to repediage): Heart 1: 1. Italy (R Grou, G Cascome and G Barstoto) 6:54 68 Heart 2: 1. Australia (S Sewari, B Hanson, B Godwall and J Sewari) 6:03:50 Cascome and G Barstoto) 6:54 68 Heart 2: 1. Australia (S Sewari, B Hayrien) 6:56 82. Women: Double soulistified in the set of sem-finals, rest to receding (Heart 1: 1. Holland (P van Deshoett, E van Nes): 7:01:41, 2. Umited States (C Skrick) and C Lorthy 7:03:54 Heart 2: 1. Greet Britan (M Batten and G Lindsay): 6:58:37, 2. Germeny: (C Barth and N Stemet 17:04:29 Heart 3: 1. Chara (Sun Gurrigas and Zhang (Xujuni): 7:09:30. Carada (M Maunder and T Luke): 7:09:90.

(C2) In C Haggard (SA) and J Walle (US) 7-6.

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D BLuda (US) and M Sell (US) 5-3 7-6 N
Broad (GB) and P Honal (SA) bt M Northmann
(Ger) and M Rush (Wein) 7-6, 4-8, 6-3. M
Damm (C2) and J Galaba (US) bt M Merhain
(US) and D Sandall (US) bt D Macpherson
(Aus) and D "Wheeland (US) bt D Macpherson
(Aus) And (US) and D Sandall (US) bt D Macpherson
(US) 6-6, 6-4 W Women: Singles
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Gestal Di M. Lucci (Crol 8-1, 6-1; it is no (US) bit D van Roost (Bell 6-4, 8-2; A Coetzer (SA) bit B Schert (Australia) 3-6, 8-6, 9-3; V Williams (US) bit L Netland (Left) 6-0, 9-3; V Williams (US) bit L Netland (Left) 6-0, net; A Sciencer Vicario(So) bit S Pittowski (Fr) 8-2, 6-1; N Fusion (US) bit Y Pittowski (Fr) 8-2, 6-1; A Kournikova (Paus) bit S Fastria (Uf) 6-4, 6-2; 6-1; A Kournikova (Paus) bit S Fastria (Uf) 6-4, 6-1; M Perus (Fr) bit L Goldman (US) 6-3, 3-8, 6-2; Doubles: Second round: L Reymond (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Doubles: Second round: L Reymond (US) 6-3, 3-8, 6-2; Doubles: Second round: L Reymond (US) and R Studo's (Aus) bit S Jegesselam and R Sempson (Car) 6-3, 6-4; C Dhenha and E Loil (Fr) bit N Kjamusta and N Nikhegi (Japan) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, L Oakenport (US) and N Zvereve (Belei) bit Ede Loine (US) and N Nikhegi (Japan) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, L Oakenport (US) and N Part (Na) 6-3, 8-3; P Dragomir (Rom) and I Najati (Crol) bit K Adams (US) and N Tauder (Fr) 6-1, 7-5; A Frazier (US) and N Tauder (Fr) 6-1, 7-5; A Frazier (US) and N Scholler (Rom) and L Netland (Lat) 6-2, 4-8, 8-3, M de Secreti (SA) and D Graham (US) bit M Bubel (Ger) and N Par (Ind) 6-1, 6-5; M Habaculova (Suk) and T Tarresequem (The) 7, 8-6-1, M Sechi (Ind) and C Vis (Hol) 4-6; 7-5, 6-4; B Scholler (Rom) and D Vis (Hol) 4-7, 5-6-1, M J Fernandez (US) and A Schott (Eq) 6-1, 6-5; C Norm (US) and Schott (Paris) bit C Sanger (Ger) and H Visions (Eq) 6-1, 6-1, M J Fernandez (US) and A Schotte (Postal Ind) C Sunker (Host) and A Kataman (Aus) 6-2, 7-5; D C Romer (US) and A Schotte (Postal Ind) C Sunker (US) 6-3, 6-3, 6-1, M J Fernandez (US) and Schotte (Postal Ind) Schotte (Postal Ind) C Sunker (Postal

JJB Super League 30 Salford astieford: Tries: Davis 2, Orr 2, M Smith, cale: Cin 3, Euler 2, Salford: Tries: Hulme, elev 2. Att 4.865 33 Sheffield

Hairtax, Tries: Bloem 3. Bouverig 2, Harrison, Powell Goals; Pearson 2. Dropped goal: Janch Sheffeld: Tries: Carr, Morganson, Senior Goals, Asjon, Wood Att 4,628 36 Hugdersfield Warrington: Tries: Eager 2, Briers, Farrer, Forster, IAcCumb Pechey Goals: Biters 4 Huddensfield: Try: Cheatham Goals:

SS Hull Wigan, Trees Gilmour, 2, Paul 2, Robinson 2, Bell, Connolly, Farrett, P Johnson, Radinska, Smith Goals: Farrett 5 Hull: Try: Seru. Goal: Frescon, Att. 7,330 FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Loads 37 St

Dues not include last right's match

First division 18 Dewsbury

Grand Final Series play-off Hull KR! Triest Danby, Hill Goalst M Reicher 4 Dropped goalst Charles, Gene Daws-bury: Goal: Ealon Alt 2,649

First division Malgra Second division

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20 13 2 5 561 339
20 14 0 6 476 240
20 13 0 7 437 354
20 12 1 7 487 354
20 12 1 9 399 383
20 8 2 10 354 377
20 3 2 15 293 558
20 2 2 16 289 619 Lancashing York Balley Bramley Olifham Barrow Workington Doncaster National Conference League

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

Oldham 8 York 38 Oldham: Try: Jackman Goels: Quintan 2 York: Trees: Assistefield 2 Godfrey 2 Freston, Ramaden, Strange Goals, Booth 4, Can Alt: 1,440

Premier division

Rochdale Mayfield 8 East Leeds Siddal 24 Outton Wigan St Judes 12 Leigh East

Second division Second division

Bramley 26 Barrow 22

Bramley: Tries: W Freeman, A Gibborts,
Lawford, Poynter Goals; Lawford 3, Smith 2

Barrowr. Tries: Albarson, Burns, Manihera,
Marwood, Goals; Alkanson 3

Lancashirle 12 Battey 31

Lancashirle Lyruc Tries: Abram 3, Donno,
Goals; P Jones 3, Bettey Tries: Dyson 2,
Sampson 2, Gaadhilf, Goals: Price 5

Dropped goal: Casa, Att. 1,079

Okham 8 York 38

Workington 20 Doncaster 12
Workington: Tries: Close, Henare, Keenan,
Stater Goals: Branthwate 2 Doncaster,
Tries: Alex Goulbourne, Alba Goulbourne
Goals: Conway 2 Att 500

Egremont Leigh MR Saddeworth Thombill Watney Central West Hull 30 Bevertey East Hull 0 23 Wigan St Pat's 16 8 Skirleugh 31 18 Askam 13

Crosfields 28 York Acom 20 Devisiousy Moor 6 Eccles 54 Eastmoor 38 Normanton 12 Hull Dockers 26 Docknorth 8 Ideal Island Blackbrook 14 Keighley Alb 25 Ovenden 4 New Earswick 12 London Skolana 18

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Elim-mation tinal: Melbourne 24 Camberra 10 Qualifying final: Newcasile 15 Sydney City 25

TRACK AND FIELD

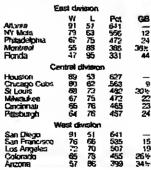
ATHLETICS: Birmingham: Young Alti-letes Leagues Aurdiary Finals: Boys: 1, Blackheath 431 5pts, 2. Shaftesbury Bamet 425.5. 3, Wirral 416 5, 4, Cannock and Statlord 365.5; 5, Halesowen 352. 6. St. Columbs 345.5; 7, Tratiord 285.5, 8, BP Black Isle 196 Athletes of the Metch: Track: Under-13 1,500m: S Hall (Shatiresbury Barnet) 4mm: 40 65set. Flekt: Under-15 Harmmer T Demosay (Halesowen) 57.15m Girtis: 1, Basikton 360pts. 2, Coventry Godiva 329. 3, Edinburgh Wollen Mil 274, 4, Wakefield 272.5, 5, Carditi 264, 6, Blackpool and Fylde 261.5, 7, Lagan Valley 261; 8, Horsham Blue 5tar 214, Adhletes of the Metch. Track: Under-17 300m; Y Walts (Basikton) 38,92sec. Field: Under-13 Shot: R Bechlorth (Blackpool and Fylde) 9,20m. BP Black Isle 196 Athletes of the Mai

CRICKET: Lancashire Answorth Tro-phy: Semi-final: Salford 112 Rochdale 113-4. FOOTBALL: OEGS Blackburn 0 Blue Coals Liverpool 2. Northern Merit

#### BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Cleveland 10 Dotrott 2, Toronto 12 Boston 1, New York-Yankees 11 Chicago White Sox 6, Texas 9 Minnesota 3, Karvas Cuty 5 Anaheim 3, Behimore 10 Seattle 1, Tampa Bay 5 Caldand 2, Satureday: Teronto 4 Beston 3, Sauttle 6 Belimore 5, Chicago Vifule Sox 9 New York Yankees 5, Develand 5 Detrott 4, Minnesota 7, Toxas 4, Oakland 3, Tampa Bay 0, Anaheim 2 Karvasa Coty 1

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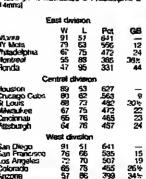


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GOLF: Stowe School. National Prepschool championship: Over-13: 1, JP Turner (The Pensel 53pts. 2, CE Richardson l'Elstree) 53; 3. P J Bucherton (Sf Hugh e) and R Frampton iMillield) 48 Under-13: A M Boyce (Cheltecham Collaget 49pts. 2, JR J Macdonald (Católicos) 47, 3, A E Morton (The Old Hall) 45 Under-12: 1, L Guttendge (Lochmer House) 51, 2, T L McPhail (Craygolowan) 47, 3, R P Kennedy (Hurstperpoint) 42 Overall result: 1, Turner 53pts: 2, Richardson 53, 3, Guttendge 51, Leading Schools: 1, Millield 94pts, 2, Elstree 92

RUGBY UNION: Bryanston 34 Ports-mouth GS 12: John Fisher 24 Dutwich Coll 7, Loughborough GS 20 Starrford 11: RGS High Wycombe 50 Hampton 12; John Cleveland College 38 Oundle College 39

25 13 13 NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal 8 Florida 0 Chicago Cubs 5 Pitisburgh 2, New York



SCHOOLS SPORT

League, Leeds 1 South Cheshire 1; Wigan 4 Kiriby 1,

Houston Chicago Cubs St Louis Milwaukee Cincinnali Paisburgh

TRACK AND FIELD

MOSCOW: IAAF Golden League Grand
Prix Final; Men: 100m: 1, F Fredericks
Rlamfola; 10.11 spc. 2, D Thompson
(Barb) 10.11, 3, T Harden (US) 10 12,
400m: 1, M Richardson (US) 44 89, 2, J
Young (US) 44 96, 3, 1 Thomas (GB)
44.96, 1,500m: 1, H Gernou (Mor) 3min
32 03sec. 2, L Rollich (Ken) 3.33.04; 3, W
Tanu (Kan) 3.33.30 3.000m: 1, H
Gebreelessis (Eth) 7min 50.00sec; 2, L
Kipkosgei (Nen) 7.50.87, 3, J Gitzhr (Nen)
7-51.49 400m hurdles: 1, S Dagara (Fri
48.30sec, 2, D Morgan (Jam) 46 60, 3, S
Matete (Zem) 48 73, Pole vault, 1, M
Tarasov (Pluss) 5.95m; 2, J Galbone (Fri
5.90, 3, D Ecker (Ger) 5.80 Hammer, 1, T
Gecsek (Hun) B1 21m; 2, B Kiss (Hun)
78.71, 3, A Abduvaliev (Usb) 78 30 High
lump: 1, J Sotomayor (Cuba) 2 31m; 2, S
Strand (Swe) 2.28; 3, C Austin (US) 2.28,
Shot: 1, J Godina (US) 21.21m, 2, Y
Belonog (Ukr) 20.62; 3, O-S Buder (Ger)
20.53, Tripte (ump: 1, C Frieder (Ger)
17 33m; 2, D Kassudin (Russ) 17.01, 3, A
Glaveristi (Bela) 16:93 Women: 100m; 1,
M Jones (US) 10.83sec; 2, S Fynes (Bah)
11.10, 3, 1 Miller (US) 1115 400m; 1, F
Ogunkoya (Nigera) 49.73, 2, C Opara
(Nigeria) 50 09, 3, S Richards (Jam)
50 44, 1,500m; 1, S Masterhova (Russ)
4min 3 80sec; 2, K Dulectra (Eth) 4.04 72,
3, C Secramento (Por) 4 05 82, 3,000m;
1, G Warmi (Eth) 8:40 11, 2, Z Ouazic
(Mori 8:40.45; 3, M Pentyukrus (Puss)
8 47.77 100m hurdles: 1, M Freeman
(Jam) 12.56sec; 2, M Mornson (US)
12 63; 3, G Aboze (Riogen) 172, Long
lump: 1, M Jones (US) 773m, 2, H
Directster (Ger) 6:99, 3, F May (II) 6.89,
Diecue: 1, N Sadowa (Russ) 6:50m, 2, F
Dietzsch (Ger) 6:524; 3, N Grasu (Pom)
65 10, Javelin: 1, T Oamsely (Ger)
68.40m; 2, T Shikolenko (Russ) 6:544, 3,
T Hattestar Illorit 15 26 65 10. Javelin: 1. T Damaske (Ger) 68.40m. 2. T Shikolenko (Russ) 67.84. 3, T Hattestad (Nor) 67.25 W L Pct G8 91 57 641 — 79 63 556 1 — 67 75 472 24 55 88 385 365 47 95 331 44 Double 2: Statement of the state of the stat

# **ATHLETICS**

Valentino Rossi, of Italy negotiates a curve on the way to victory in the 250cc San Marino motorcycling grand prix at Imola yesterday. Tetsuya Harada, of Japan, was not so lucky, but remounted to finish tenth.

of Edinbuigh) 14:02 41; 3. N Comerlord (Cardiff) 14:04 47. 4. N Wetherlidge (Basildon) 14:11:51; 5. M Palmer (Yale) 14:18:00; 6. Allen Graffin (Tonlondge) 14:24:04. Women: 800m: 1, D Modahl (Sale) 2mm 01:93sec; 2. B Blaisemen (Sunderstand) 2:05:33; 3. N Lynch (ke) 2:06:87, 4. A Davies (Basingstoke and Mid Hants) 2:07:41, 5. R Buller (City of Norwich) 2:07:56. 6, A Carter (Vale Royal) 2:08:30, 1.500m: 1. L Gibson (Oxford City) 4min 00:84:sec; 2. H Patimson (Preston) 4:17:05; 3. J Colleren (Liverpool) 4:19:97:4. A Parkinson (Sale) 4:19:96. 5, K Smithson (Sale) 4:21:81. 6. J Brown (Bournemouth) 4:23:83 SOUTHSPIN WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Basildon: 1,500m: D Sullivan (Havering Mayesbrook) 4mm 34:5sec; 100m hardles: S Porter (Sution) 14:7sec; 100m hardles: S Porter (Sution) 11:63m Discus: Drew S2m Hammer: A Jerkhns (Bedford) 46:22m Javelin: M Kemp (Sutyorn 40:10m. Match result: 1, Sution 186;pts; 2. Bediod: 177, 3. Havening Mayesbrook: 166, 4. City of Norwich 160. 5, Besidion 1:27. Exeter: 100m: S Davidge 25:3sec; 400m: O Ryan (Ealing, Southal) and Middlesex: S6-9sec; 100m hardles: N Sution (Exeter) 12:0sec; 200m: Desirics: Sution 56:3sec; 400m: O Ryan (Ealing, Southal) and Middlesex: S0-9sec; 100m hardles: N Sution (Exeter) 14:7sec; 400m hardles: N Sution (Exeter) 14:7sec; 400m hardles: N Brackshot, Famham and District) 3:40m. Long jump: G Holt (Aldershot, Famham and District) 3:40m. Long jump: G Holt (Aldershot, Famham and District) 3:40m. Long jump: G Holt (Aldershot, Famham and District) 3:40m. Long jump: G Holt (Aldershot, Famham and District) 3:40m. Long jump: G Holt (Aldershot, Famham and District) 3:40m. Long jump: G Holt (Aldershot, Famham and District) 3:40m. Long jump: Jol 11:08m Shot: V Fosler (Aldershot, Famham and District) 3:40m. Long jump: Jol 11:08m Shot: V Fosler (Aldershot, Famham and District) 3:40m. Long jump: Jol 2:40m. Harmmer: Galleway 3:51m Javelin: M Liverion (Exeter) 4:52m. Javelin: Li M Burrows (Ashtoror) 4:62m. Harmmer: M McCuncheon (Rade) Landes 4:50m. Javelin: Li M Burrows (Ashto

Portsmouth: 100m: C Bloomfield (Essex Ladies) 11 Fsc 200m: Bloomfield 24, 19ec, 400m: T Drucan (Essex Ladies) 58 0sec, 800m: Z Hyde (Havani) 2mh 15 0sec 100m hurdles: J Prati (Essex Ladies) 13 7sec Pole vault: h Alexander (Shaftesbury Barnet) 2 60m Long jump: C Stead (Essex Ladies) 15 56m Triple jump: Stead 11.72m Shot: J Dundari (Essex Ladies) 14.46m Discus: Dunkley 39 27m Hammer: E Augee (Essex Ladies) 48 65m Javelin: k Morrison (Medweyl 49 30m. Match result: 1. Shaftesbury Barnet 191pts; 2, Essex Ladies 178 5, 3. Medway 185, 4. Ctyl of Pylmouth 151.5, 5. Havant 144. Southamplon: 200m: M Purkiss (Team Solent) 24 49ec. 400m: D Bennett (Epsom and Ewell) 57.5sec. 100m hurdles: k Skatchley (Taam Solent) 14.8sec 400m hurdles: N Cessoy (Essex Ladies) 61 5sec High lump: Bennett 190e. Increise: K. Skalcraley (Team Soferni 14.8sec 400m hurdles: N. Ceesay (Essert Ladies) 61 See. High lump: Bernett 1.70m Pote vault: C. Hidgley (Team Solent) 340m Long jump: Bernett 8.06m Tripte jump: M. Griffith (Mindsor, Slough and Eton) 1371m (League repord) Shot: C. Hill (Team Solent) 12.65m. Discus: F. Champion (Mindsor, Slough and Eton) 41.54m. Hammer: O. Kellener (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 52.51m. Javelin: N. Cobb (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 41.54m. Hammer: O. Kellener (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 52.51m. Javelin: N. Cobb (Windsor, Slough and Eton) 39.9m. Match result: 1. Team Solent 214pts; 2. Windsor, Slough and Eton 190.3, Epsom and Ewell 152: 4. Newham and Esser Beagles 145.5.5. Guildford and Godalming 144.5 Final standings: 1, Aldershot, Famham and Dishici 1217pts, 2, Ashlord 1167.5; 3. Windsor, Slough and Eton 1158.5; 4. Team Solent 1124.5. 5, Bedford 1074.5; 6. Baskidon 1070.7. Medway (1038. 8, Epsom and Ewell 1023; 9, Bourremouth 1015: 10. Sutton 1013.5, 11. City of Norwich 995.5, 12, Shaltesbury Barnet 970.5, 13, Radley Ladies 908: 14, Basingstote and Mid Hants 966: 15, Newham and Esser Beagles 961.5, 16, Heritoid and Ware 956, 17, Ealing, Southall and Middlesex 940: 18, Erster 947, 19, Parteside Harrow 918, 20, Guildford and Godalming 917.5, 21, City to Hymouth, 918, 22, Wohing 885.5, 23, Esser Ladies, 884.5, 24, Havani 845; 25, Havening Mayesbrook, W965.5. Chem-ptons: Aldershot, Famham and District (Doders) Relegated to Second divisions: City of Plymouth, Essex Ladies, Havani, Havening Mayesbrook, Woleng

BOAD BUNNING

SOUTHWARK PARK: London Women's 10km: 1, D Peroval (Medway) 33mm 28sec (course record), 2, C Herbert (Arena 80) 35 41, 3, A Reicher (Duwnch

tMOLA, San Martino: Grand Pris: 125ct; 1

COLOGNE, Germany: World Champlon-ships: Preliminary round (all races 2,000 metres): Men: Lightweight single sculls: Heat 1: 1, M. Vabrousek (C2) 7mm 13,48aec. Heat 2: 1, H. Karnash (Aus) 704 41; Heat 3: 1, K. Nielsen (Den) 7.06.99. Heat 4: 1, S. Bassine (Nr. 703 75, Heat 5: 1, J. M. Basrnenger (Swetz) 6:58 47. Heat 5: 1, J. M. Basrnenger (Swetz) 6:58 47. Heat 5: 1, J. M. Basrnenger (LS) 8:58.50. Single sculls: Heat 1: 1, X. Museller (Swetz) 8:54.97. Heat 2: 1, Erok Cop (Soverna) 8:57.03. Heat 4: 1, Vaclav Chalupa (Czech Republic) 8:53.15. Codess pairs terimer to semi-linal rest to repectage): Heat 1: 1, United States (C. Beasley and J.A. Holland) 5:32.82.

Allied Dunbar

Premiership One

London Scottish 25 Sale

41 Newcastle Richmond Richmond: Tries: R Hufton 2 Bateman, Brown, Clarke, Pichot Cons: A Daves 4 Pen: A Daves Newpaste: Tries: Naylo, Tugarrate, Watton, Weir Cons: Andrew 2, Www.son Pen: Wilderson Att: 9,530 34 Northamoton Suracens: Tries: Coker, Johnson, Peneur, Thomson Cong. Johnson 4 Penet John-son 2 Northampton: Try: Davison. Con: Grayson Att. 8 243

Premiership Two 15 Bristol

6 Ortell Leeds: Tries: Cawthorne, Easterby. Com: Turpulotu Pens: Turpulotu 2 London Welsh: Tries: Cumer, L. Jones, C. Langley Com Pearce Pen: Pearce Att 1,152

Rugby 18 Blackheath 12 Rugby: Triest Rees, Wilhers Cont Hop-itins Pens. Hopkins 2 Blackheath: Pens. Asken 4 22 Rotherham Waterloo

Worcester 22 Coventry 7
Worcester: Tries: Baster, Denhardt, Fenkry,
Tominison. Con: Le Bas. Coventry: Try:
Smallwood Con: Gough Att: 2,500. Jewson National League

24 Whariedale 5 Harrogate 21 B'harry/Soffhuli 23 Liverpool St H 28 Reading 13 Manchester 23 Rosslyn Park

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Second civision souri Banking 21 Weston-S-Mare Bridgwater 14 Tabard Ciffton 8 Norwich Esher 44 Redruth Havant 11 Met Polica North Walsham 17 Brackness Plymouth 26 Cheltenham

ns 5 Stirling County 15 Hawrick 18 Stirling County: Tries. Lewis. McMiltan Con: Naylor Pian: Naylor Hawrick: Tries: D Landels. M Landels. Colin Murray Cons: Murdia 2 Muteonlans 11 Melrose 50 Watsonlans: Try: Hills: Pens: P Smith 2. Metrose: Tries: Laurio 2. Auton: R Brown, Clark. Nichol: C Redpath, Thom. Cons: Morto 5. Ast. 500.

#### RUGBY UNION

Beath: Tries: Guscott 2, Peters Cons: Carr 3 Pens: Catl 5 Wasps: Tries: Leots; Logan, Worsley Pens; Ress 4 Att. 8,000 29 London Irish 22 Gloucester: Tries: Mapletofi, Penaity Cons: Mapletofi 2, Pens: Mapletofi 5 London Insh: Try: Jones Con, Woods. Pens; Woods 5, Att 5 500 49 Harloquins

Leicester: Tries: L'ord 2, Back, Cockerti, Ezuive, Hedley, Stransky Cons: Stransky 4 Pens: Stransky 2, Harlequins: Pens: Schuster 5 Att. 13,130 20 London Scottlish; Try: Milligan Con; McAustand Pens; McAustand 6 Sale; Tries: R Smith Z, Moore, Con; Howarth, Pen; Howarth Att 1,200

Exeter: Pens: Easson 5 Bristol: Tries: Breeze, Chanon Evans Const Hull 2 Pen: 20 Fylde: Penc: Pascock 2 Orrell: Tries: Liprol, Lyon, M Oliver Con: Verbokas Pen: Verbokas 18 London Welsh 20 Leeds

Moseley 32 Walkefield 33 Moseley: Tries: Patten, Penalty, Simpson. Smart Cons: Smart 3 Pens: Smart 2 Waltefield: Tries: Bridby 2, Elegart Cons: Ure 3 Pens: Ure 4 Att 1,000.

Waterloo: Try: Davies Con: L Griffiths Pens: L Griffiths 5 Rotherham: Try: Dudley Con: Trevella Att 1.000

First division

Second division north

Tennent's Velvet Premiership

First division Currie 37 Boroughmuir 24
Currie: Tries: Craig, Hardio, Reod, Ward.
Wan Conis: Donaldson 3 Pens:
Donaldson 2 Boroughmuir: Tries McLean
2, Fieldlie, A McKinley Cons; Kiddie 2. Glasgow Hawks 13 Heriots FP 31 Glasgow Hawks 7 ries: Little, Wison Pen: Hams Heriots FP. Tries: Keenan 2, Binnio, Lawson Con: Ross, Pens: Ross 3 Att: 800. Jed-Forest 31 West of Scotland 15 Jed-Forest: Tries: Durmet, Hotson, Scaudro Core; C Richards 2, Pens: C Richards 4 West of Scotland: Pens: CurOundee HSFP 28 Kelso 10 Dundee HSFP: Tries: Paggia, J Petra, Rouse, Cons: J Newton 2. Pens: J Newton 3 Kelso: Try, Bennett Con: Alchison Pen: Alchison Edinburgh A 16 Musselburgh 29 Edinburgh Acade: Tries: Black, Hay Smith Pents Baille 2. Musselburgh: Tries: Basit, N. McCracken, Smith. Con: C. Livingston Pens: C. Livingston 2. . . . . A. 3. 16.

Gala 32 Aberdeen GSFP 14 Gala: Tries: Perker, Penalty. Cons: C Patterson 2 Pens: C Patterson 4, Parker 2 Aberdeen GSFP: Try: Buchan, Pens: Auty Kilmernock: Tries: Prett, A Sincler. Con: Garvn Kirkcaldy: Tries: Carruthers, G Hannah, Monison, Trewartha, Cons. Me-

Selkirk 23 Biggar 11 Selkirk Tries: B Genteman 2, Hume, Humer Pen: Blair, Biggar, Try: Armstroog, Pens: Thompson 2, Third division

Glasgow S 17 Stewarts Mei FP 15 Glasgow Southern: Tries: McIlwham, Sharkey Cons: Healy 2 Pen; Healy. Stewarts Mei FP: Tries: Morley 2. McKenze **Glenrothes** 

Glenrothes: Tries: Cameron, A Gazve. Con: Greene Pent Greene Gengermouth. Tries: Glasson 3, Hughes 2, Venty. Cons. Crossen 2 Sendonians 32 Ayr 12 Gordonians: Tries: Cibo 2 Corn Estochy Ayr. Pens: Murdoch 4 14 Berwick Peobles 14 Berwick 12
Peobles: Try: Pusherland. Pens: Rutherland
3. Berwick: Tries: Syramons, Young Con:

Cynn
Preston Lodge 13 East Kilbride 18
Preston Lodge: Tries: Okts, Payne Peristrances East Kilbride: Tries: Ferry, Slewart Cam: Sievens Pens: Stevens 2 Welsh National League Premier division
Aberavon 5 Newport 7
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King 2, Lloyd 2, Hicks: Newport Triss:
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18 Caerchilly Neath: Tries: Eggar 2. Horgan. Pen: Case. Ceerphility: Tries: Hooper, Marshall, Winte Pens: Davey 2 Pontypridd 22 Llanell 15 Pontypridd: Tries: Snomey, Williams. Pens: Jenkins 4, Lianelli: Pens: S Jones 5.

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First division
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Bonymaen: Tries: S Davies, May, Poorland
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Cross Keys: Tries: Bushell, Crimmins,
Harris, P Waltens Cons: Bebb 3 Pent Bebb
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2, Lewis, D Lloyd, Roberts Const. D Evans 4
Pens. D Evans 2.
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Lloyd 3 Dropped goal: Lloyd Tredeger:
Tines: Daviec Rees, Con; Chapman Pens:
Chapman 2
Newbridge: Tries: James, Turner, Williams

Newbridge 31 Abertiflery 23
Newbridge: Tries: James, Turner, Williams
Cons: Williams 2 Pens: Williams 3 Dropped
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Miles, Whop'l Con: Withera Pens: Withera 2
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Jones Runney: Tries: Ford 2
J. Abdul.
Rice Cons: Meson 2 Pen: Mason:
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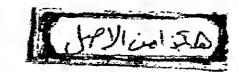
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RACING: LODER GIVES NEW NEIGHBOURS A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE IN PRIX DU MOULIN

#### Desert Prince stamps his authority

AT LONGCHAMP

UNUSUALLY for a group one race, not least one sponsored by the Emirates airline, the Maktoum family was not represented in the Prix du Moulin here yesterday. At the same time, the emphatic success of Desert Prince offered further vindication for perhaps the most precious of their recent investments.

For David Loder, who trains the colt for Edward St George, was giving the local opposition a taste of what they can expect next year when he will be supervising the Godolphin two-year-olds at Evry, on the other side of Paris. From

#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Bitter Sweet (3.00 Bath)

The well-drawn Biner Sweet should relish the staming test posed by this extended mile. The David Elsworth-trained decent odds on her nursery

> **NB: Stolen Tear** (3.15 Hamilton Park)

Newmarket, Loder's 40 per cent strike-rate this season has all but humiliated his British rivals. His new neighbours may now be urging that the free movement of labour within Europe should be subject to a clause restricting the free

movement of invincibility. The tremendous authority of Desert Prince's success, however, in part reflected the tame performance of Second Empire. The Irish raider could not match the winner's acceleration after both had been poised behind the tiring front-

runners turning for home. One of them, Mempari, carried the same Michael Tabor colours but was ab-

200 Lady Beware

2.30 in The Stocks

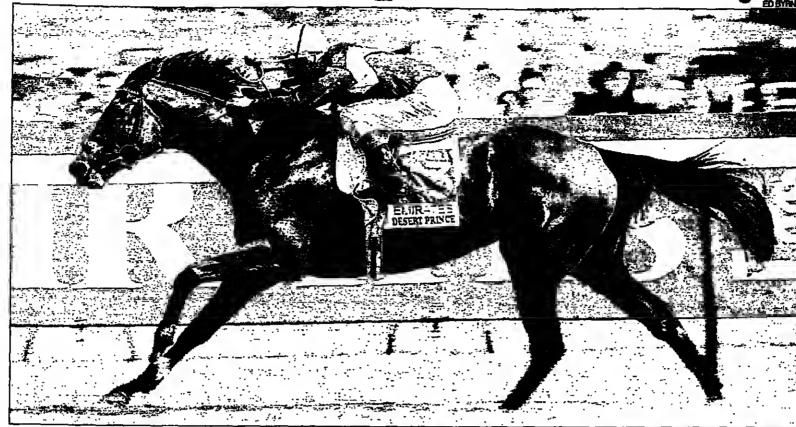
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3.00 Kingston Venture

Timekeeper's top rating: 4.00 GENETIC.



Desert Prince, ridden by Peslier, draws clear for an emphatic success in the group one Prix du Moulin over a mile at Longchamp yesterday

Irish National Stud."

solved of any pacemaking responsibilities by the frantic gallop set by Yutaka Take on Seeking The Pearl. The Japanese filly was unproven on soft ground, but would have done well to last home at that rate even on a conveyor belt. At least her duel with Mempari spared the race, in terms of its contribution to the milers' championship, the usual infirmity of evidence gleaned from those pointlessly slow races so

common in France. Instead, Desert Prince, returned at just over 4-1 on the pari mutuel, confirmed that learning to settle has helped

him mature into a miler of the highest class. He was serenely switched off in third by Olivier Peslier, tracked by John Reid on Second Empire, only to burst clear in the straight. Gold Away's pursuit proved the least desperate, though still held by three lengths at the line, with Second Empire labouring another two lengths away in third.

Loder, who had also been among the winners at Deauville, said: "My French forays are running smoothly at the moment. We thought he had improved nearly 101b since Ascot, both physically and in

3.30 AVON MAIDEN STAKES (£3,550; 1m 3f 144yd) (12 numers)

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BETTRIS: 9-4 Key Acadesty, 11-4 Seded, 5-1 Winter Paymont, 6-1 Silver Cooler, 8-1 Crow's Hest, 10-1 others.

1997: THOPA 3-8-12 Name Dayer (6-1) | Balding 18 cart

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KEY ACADEMY will be hard to been it staying this langer trip

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511 (9) 400206 MANTELLO SZ (8) (5 per Sprinter.) D Cospoel 3-9-2 | A MicRown

512 (17) 600 APPRI TREASURE 28 (9 Doubles) Liv) J Michael 49-1 | A Michael

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514 (4) -5429 CHOCKLATE BOX 24 (87) (4 Gyd Raphon) Regions 4-9-13 | R Harsin (3)

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BETTORE: 5-1 Wild Colonial Boy, 6-1 Steam Partidge, 8-1 Ord; Pappers, Goods; 10-1 Padauls, 12-1 others. 1997: JASSUR 4-10-0 L Deboni (10-1) J Guadon 15 rao

Ordit neck 2nd of 9 in Mass Pin Up in humancup at Nothington (1m 61 19yd, good to farm). Salarity Thoughts 13t 6th of 7 to Cat Diament of in humancup at Beth (2m 11 34yd, good) Perports 41 3rd of 12 to Roman Reef at apprentice handledge at Beighton (1m 11 209yd, farm). Screeke Fill 4th of 5 to March Of Properts in statics at Leicoster (1m 31 183yd, good in farm). Screek Partiage 121 and 15 to Short Romance in handledge at Folkestone (1 m 41, farm), Whild Celevital Boy 31 2nd of 9 in Star Of The Course in handledge at Belgitton (1m 31 130yd, farm) with Forthers Parts (30) better off) 10t 3rd.

DRAFT has improved with each run this seemen and can main a deserved success

4.30 SHERSTON MARKEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,631: 51 161yd) (16 runners)

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BETTING: 4-1 Tescan Dream, 5-1 Miches, Loch Laicd, 6-1 Red Shift, Dodo, 8-1 Empayors, 10-1 others

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Dodo is proving hard to win with, and LOCH LARD is a safer proposition

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1997: MONTENENE 10-9-11 J Reid (14-1) M Heaton-Elle 18 res

WHITE BARR teams line tortoogs at Epsoro too shorp test week and has solid claims

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Beitr 230 Amington Grt. Sumbawa 600 Bundel Lans. Hamilton Paris 2.15 Xoyyna, 3.15 Ayea, 5.00 Longweck Lad

5.00 LEVY BOARD SEVENTH RACE HANDICAP

(£3,729: 5i 161yd) (19 nunners)

4.00 LETHEBY & CHRISTOPHER MADEN HANDICAP

(£2,931; 1m 5( 22yd) (15 rumners)

his work. You never know with a more vigorous ride, until you get to the track, of were treated with derision at course, but the plan all along the time. Second Empire had laid the was to give him a rest before coming here, and then to go foundations of his reputation for the Queen Elizabeth II here last autumn, but had first

Stakes back at Ascot, followed lost his imperial airs that day by the Breeders' Cup Mile. at the Curragh, and then when Then he is due to retire to the well beaten in the Derby. Aidan O'Brien had nursed The Green Desert colt's him back to win a group three reputation there is already race impressively at the Curragh last month, and he looked rippling with vigour in assured, as he won the Irish 2.000 Guineas in the spring. On that occasion he had again the paddock, but there was to beaten Second Empire into be no second conquest. "He third, though Christy Roche's was going well but just flat-tened out," Reid said. protestations, that he could not have finished any closer Tabor, too, was baffled, and

disinclined to blame the sticky ground, which had not impeded Second Empire on his last visit, O'Brien said: "He does go on this ground but may need a longer distance." While the Ballydoyle team

pondered whether their colt will ever achieve fulfilment, Edward St George was giving an insight mio Loder's record. "We're bad losers," he said. "But we're good winners." The James Fanshawe-trained Invermark, ridden by Peslier, finished fourth to Tiraaz, trained by Alain de Royer Duprè, in the group three Prix Gladiateur.

#### **Decision close** on outcome of Coral takeover

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is expected to pronounce on Ladbrokes' £363 million takeover of Coral in a matter of days - early next week is the favourite - and yesterday Peter Jones, the Tote chairman, articulated why the decison is vital to the Tote and racing.

As Peter Mandelson, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, considers the conclusions of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) report into the deal. Jones confirmed publicly for the first time that Ladbrokes has offered to sell an extra t67 shops to the Tote, in addition to the 133 it sold provisionally in January, and suggested more could be available.

"We think it might be possible to squeeze a few more, up to 50, before Ladbrokes finds selling all of Coral more attractive." Jones said. "We would be able to buy them within our own borrowing limits."

If Mandelson agreed to such a compromise which would leave Ladbrokes with just over 500 of the 833 Coral outlets it bought unconditionally in the new year - the Tote's high street presence would increase from the 210 betting shops it owned at the end of 1997 to around 560, making it a genuine third force in off-course bookmaking.

However, if Mandelson decides to block the deal which Ladbrokes fears is the recommendation of the MMC - Ladbrokes would be forced to sell the entire Coral estate. Although the Tote would make a bid. Jones believes the chance of success would be about 10-1 against because "there is a strong possibility of being outbid by other people with deeper pockets". In which case, the Tole would be back to owning just 210 of the nation's \$,000 betting shops.

"If we were to lose the lot it would severely dent our long-term hopes of getting a fighting unit in the betting shop side and we would revert to being a bit player." he said. The 133 shops provisionally acquired from Ladbrokes in January boosted Tote profits by £500,000. after financing costs. in the final three months of the last financial year. If it ended up with a total of 560 outlets. profits from the betting shop division could swell from £2 million a year to around £5 million "even with a fairly low level of growth".

The Tote contributed a record £10 million from its ElS million profits last year and the sport's depleted coffers would feel the pinch if the Government blocks the takeover.

The question Mandelson has to address concerns the acceptable share of the offcourse market which Ladbrokes should be allowed to retain. If he agrees to the compromise deal involving the Tote, Ladbrokes would have 33.1 per cent of the market. However, if he imposed a lower ceiling, forcing Ladbrokes to dispose of even more shops. It would probably make financial sense for the company to sell the entire Coral estate.

#### 3.30 Bullet 4.00 Drift 4.30 Loch Laird

S.00 WHITE EMIR (nap)

GUIDE TO OUR PACECARD

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DRAW: 5F-1M: LOW NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 BANES MAIDEN AUCTION FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,814: 51 11yd) (15 runners)

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BETTING: 5-1 Lady Senare. 6-1 La Sour C'Albert, Zota Power. 1-1 Handel Lady, 8-1 Space Babe, 16-1 others.

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17 20560 GLASSIC COMERS 31 (Classic Banddade) R Hordins A-9-6 ... R Cochrana
17 20560 ARCKMADD 9 (D.6) (Mcs R Dobseri) R Hodges 4.9-6 ... R Cochrana
18 540440 SUMBAMAN 13 (V) L Roughes & Mas A Rugglast D Hydri Janes 3.9-5 A Machin
207 (9) 00000 BOLD SARAH 31 (L Samyla) B Hodlesbead 4.9-3 ... T Sprains
208 1/3 02000 SHARR MONKEY 28 (V,0) L Teastale) Mas M Measuring 3.9-2 ... P Mad Cabe
209 1/3 02000 JINCTION CTV 28 (B) (P Malitar) 1 Baltory 4.9-2 ... P Mad Cabe
200 (17) 000006 JINCTION CTV 28 (B) (P Malitar) 1 Baltory 4.9-2 ... A Mechalis (S)
211 (15) 240040 MARHAMA 3 (D Bassi R Whitaler 3.9-1 ... A Mechalis (S)
212 116 332140 AMMETON GRIL 28 (B,D,G) L Higgins P Fears 3.9-0 ... J F Egal A
213 (17) 40005 SHARR PELLOW 27 (V) (Fark House Panneship) (Balding 3.9-1 S Wathwesti S
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217 (8) 0.0000 BFFE. TIBER 18 (Mrs J Merico) Box Jones 3 8-13 ... N Polland S
218 (2) 054-90 GRAS MOSA 12 (6 McCourt) S McCourt 3.8-12 ... N Variety 2
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219 McLegal Eagle Deal Zbalt 11 in 16-runner appropriatice maiden 2.30 AUTUMN SELLING HANDICAP (£2,444: 1m 5yd) (18 runners)

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| SATHFORD MURSERY HANDREAP (2-Y-0: £6,018: 1m) (16 runners) | 301 | 111 | 332145 | DARIGO DANCER 23 (F.5) (Remathere Cuarte) 8 Millionen 9-7 | N Catari CS | 68 | 41 | JOYEUR PLAYER 31 (S) (S Numer) J Duning 9-3 | N Catari CS | 68 | 54 | JOYEUR PLAYER 31 (S) (S Numer) J Duning 9-3 | J Peid | 74 | J Peid | 74 | J Peid | 74 | J Peid | 75 3.00 BATHFORD MURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £6,018: 1m) (16 runners) 

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Diable Dancer 6½/ 5th of 13 to Hoh Steamer in hoofbrap at Meshury (7 64/0, good to firm) with Bestweck (2th better off) 18/ Meshury (7 64/0, good to firm) with Bestweck (2th better off) 18/ Meshury (7 64/0, good to firm) with Bestweck (2th better off) 18/ Str. Stor's Spirits 2½/ States at Haydock (7 30/0, good to firm) with September Harvest (1th better off) 1½/ Str. Stor's Spirits 2½/ Newmarkst (1m. good to firm) with September Harvest (1th better off) 1½/ Str. Stor's Spirits 2½/ Newmarkst (1m. good to firm) Brancer (7 1 good t JOYEUX SLAYER showed a good attitude when winning at Hayogeth and can inflow up

#### Edabiya is new star of Oxx tale

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

EDABIYA showed herself a filly to be reckoned with for next season's classics with success in the group one Moyglare Stud Stakes at the Curragh yesterday.

The Aga Khan-owned balfsister to Edabiyla kept her unbeaten record with an impressive two-length victory, and her connections believe she will emerge as a serious Oaks candidate next year.

"She is maybe not the kind of filly to aim at the Guineas, even though she has shown a lot of speed," her trainer, John Oxx, said. The daughter of Rainbow Quest is likely to have one more run this sea-son, in either the Fillies' Mile at Ascot or the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp.

Edabiya, who started the 9-4 favourite yesterday, will be a formidable opponent in either considering the way she overcame minor traffic prob-

#### CURRAGH DETAILS

Going: yielding to soit 4.10 MOYGLARE STUD STAKES (Group I: 2-Y-O Ries: CS4,300: 7) (Sroup I: 2-Y-O Biles: CBA, 9-4 lsv); 2, Fear And Greed (J P Spencer, 12-1); 3, Crystal Downs (J A Heffernen, 20-1) ALSO RAN-6 Warmabe Grand (4th), Sunspangled (5th), 7 Enemy Action, 8 Anthen Of Love, 12 Potars (6th), Hufa Angel, Camargo, Crandiose Idea, 4 Pink Cost, 33 Reinbow Amethyst, 13 Ren, NF Brownslield, Poeting Agende, 21, 11, K1, II, 11, Ox in Reland Tots: E3.00, E2.20, E3.60, E7.60 DF: E25.70, CSF- £34.07.

beat Fear And Greed. Bookmakers were divided over her classic prospects. Ladbrokes quotes her at 10-1 for both the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks, while William Hill of-

lems and windy conditions to

fers 16-1 for the Oaks and 25-1 for the 1,000 Guineas. Wannabe Grand did best of the British, fading to finish fourth after being right in contention at the furlong pole. Her rider, Pat Eddery, said: "After her last run I thought she would get seven furlongs.

but she took a pull and just

didn't get home. At six fur-longs she had the race won and back over that trip I'm sure she will win a good race." Hula Angel was prominent for a long way but weakened to finish eighth, while Henry Cecil's Enemy Action was a disappointing eleventh. Richard Hannon's Tadwiga

provided some compensation in the group three Matron Stakes when beating Darina by half a length.

#### SPECIALISTS

Head To Figure 3% 11th of 18 to Meste-8 in heritage at Goodmood (61 good to firm) with Blundell Lane (2th better off) 12 (Goodmood (61 good to firm) with Blundell Lane (2th better off) 12 (51 good to firm). Sea-Deer 2M) and of 12 to Discrimination in 3no claiming states at Newmarker (71 good to firm). Sea-Deer 2M) and of 12 to Levelad in states at Lingfield (61, good to firm) with Fairy Prince (2th better of) 5% 7m. Caude Equine best Lord High Admissi 11 in 15-morrer handists at Saisburry (51, good). Fairy Prince 31 4th of 15 to 1a Doperus in handiscap at Beverley (51, good to firm). Sammer 20 5th of 18 to Royal Done in handiscap at Carliste (51, good to soft). Another's Double best Boddin Another 18 to Semmer maken states at Newtastife (51, good). Takes Osmaston 340 th of 9 to Apple Sauca in bandiscap at Bath (51 11yd, good), tribasts 91 and of 16 to Reinbow Rain in transition at Lingfield (71, (M)).

WHITE FARD that the Later 15 course of the county of BATH: Trainers: R Guest, 4 winners from BATH: Transers: R Guest, 4 winners from 11 turners, 36.4%; J Dunlop, 9 from 38, 22.7%; J Berry, 13 from 57, 22.6%; I Current, 3 from 14, 21.4%; I Balding, 19 from 95, 20.0%; P Cole, 15 from 78, 19.2%; D Chapped, 3 from 16, 18.6%; Jockeys: C Lowther, 4 winners from 19 files, 21.1%; Martin Dwyer, 13 from 75, 17.3%; K Fallon, 4 from 24, 16.7%; J Fald, 21 from 126, 18.7%; R Cochrane, 11 from 75, 14.7%; Paul Eddery, 12 from 82, 14.6%; T Ourne, 19 from 137, 13.9%

#### HAMILTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 Sweet As A Nut. 2.45 Foist 3.15 Stolen Tear. 3.45 Jaconar. 4.15 Celebration Cake. 4.45 Beau

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.15 SWEET AS A NUT (nap), 3.45 Wurd Venture, 4.45 Urgent Repty.

GOING: SOFT DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 HYNDEDRO MURSERY HANDICAL (2-Y-O: £3,453: 5l 4yd) (7 runners) 

7-2 Palace Geen, 9-2 Sweet As A Nut, 5-1 Snap Cracker, Wind in Westiger, 11-Xiyana, Lafycate, 8-1 So Willing. 2.45 TEAM KIER APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (£2,486: 51 4yd) (18)

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3.15 EBF PLUMB CENTER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,371: 1m 65yd) (8)

#### 3.45 WILLIAM HILL SCOTTISH TROPHY HANDICAP ISHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE (£7,035: 1m 65yd) (10)

3.2 Antarchic Starro, 5-1 West Venture, 11-2 Rapier, Traillaterer, 6-1 Seffecte lattlet, 10-1 Jacobs, Freuer Prespect, Moving Princetz, 12-1 Shirgson

4. 10 m c g staffing services selling STAKES (E2,360: 1m 1i 36yd) (11)

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4.45 STONEFIELD HANDICAP (£2,500: 1m 4f) (18) 1 (5) 3021 SPARTAN ROYALE 12 (5) P Monteth 4-10-0
H Studioline (5)

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173	4600	SALSE LA D 11 (pt	1 Soldie 4-9-5 M F Control (3)			
174	4600	SALSE LA D 11 (pt	1 Soldie 4-9-5 M F Control (3)			
175	5500	PORTIGUESE LL 41 M Soldie 4-9-5 M F Control (3)				
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8-1 Northern Accord, 7-1 Lord Advocate, 8-1 Spartan Royalc, 10-7 fen Past So., Beau Roberto, Uniform, 12-1 Urgest Repty, Philimet, 14-1 others.

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

TRAINERS: 5 Williams, 11 womens from 22 natures, 50 0%, C Deyer, 3 from 7, 42 9% 0 Haydin Jones, 14 from 58, 20 5%, M Johnston, 38 from 187, 20.3%; M W Easterby, 8 from 32, 188%, JOCKEYS: J Women, 46 winners from 172 rides, 28 7%; A McCarthy, 3 from 12, 25.0%, J Fortuse, 20 from 14, 20.3%, D Pears, 7 from 41, 17.1%; N Kennedy, 15 from 188, 14.6%.

#### RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

Haydock Park Cong. good 2.00 ) Im 3f 200 yd) 1, Alcazzar (K Fallon, 11-2); 2, Rolesby Bowl (5-1), 3, Perfect Paradigm (94 4 km, 9 ram, Mr. 6f J Duniop. Toes: £6 80; £2.30, £1 40, £1 40 DF: £22.10 CSF: £30.26 7 dicast; £72.36

CSF: C30.28 Triceast C72.35
2.30 (1m) 11; Blenamado U Reld, 2-1), 11; Missestribethister U Fortune, 3-1); 3; Crown OI Trees, (Evens tey), 3 an Did-nt, 41 P Chapple-Hyem (Blenamado), 1 Einsterby (Mosterthehyem City of Mosterthehyeter) 10te Mosterthehyeter 150, Bernamado 150 DF C3.30, CSF, Miscelenhehyeter and Benamado 23.81; Bernamado and Mosterthehyeter C3.21. NR: Weet For Mc No. 1 West For No. 8 200 (71 30 dg) 1. Caledonian Colours (M. J. Kinene, 4-1); 2, Enfertamer (4-1); 3, Grand Matre (5-1) Bajess (4th) 100-30 lav. 12 ran. Nr. 5. M. Scule Tone C4.70, 22 00, C1.60, 21.90 DF 212.90, CSF £19.18 3.90 (67) 1, Termensk (F. Sprake, 13-2), 2, Bocknol (10-1), 3, Termensk (F. Sprake, 13-2), 2, Bocknol (10-1), 3, Termen (13-2), Ehuadim 4-1 (av. 13-ren 134), M. R. Chanton, Tote (23-5), 22-40, 23.10, 12-29, 0, DF (24-8), Triffectar (257-230, CSF, 1055-69).

187.230 CS\*: 05.69.
4.05 (71.30yd) 1, Granny's Pet (1 Quinn, 9-1); 2, Adjutant (10-1), 3, Vasan (20-1); 4, Aweys Alight (12-1) Ceptant Logen 11-4 tax. 18 tax. 41, 134. P. Cole. 10de 1920; 51.80, 52.60, 54 10, 53.00, DF: 249.30. CSF-291 11 Tocast: 51.654 67

2911 Masset (2,000 at 4.40 (6) 1, Majadele (T. Oumn, 7-1), 2, Squire Come (9-2 tev); 3, Palacegate Touch (11-1), 12 an. NR: Octor, 5n nd. nl. M Chamnon, Tote (10 50; 53 10, 52:10, 52 40 DF: 522.80, CSF: 539.81 Tricata, 5332.36 Jackpot: not won (pool of £9,211.44 carried torward to Beth today).
Placepot: £189.90 Quadpot: £90.00.

J Berry R Harmon H Cool J Dunlap M Johnston M Stouts J Gooden M Charmon

1.50 1, Pal Of Mine (7-4 tov); 2, Lady Melb-cume (12-1); 3, Nor's Investment (4-1) 8 ran. 11 ran.

Trainers

2.25 1, Little Gern 19-4 tav); 2, Fon Sumler 14-11; 3, Mancala (25-11, 6 ran. NR. High | Stratford Clanty. Clanty. 2.55 1, Batchworth Belle (9-1); 2, Mrs Mala-prop (13-2); 3, Sharp Pearl (20-1). Polly Gol-ighty 11-4 lav. 9 an. NF: Forgotten Times. 3.25 1, Child Clashler (7-1); 2, Edan Heights )11-1); 3, Zurs (6-1). Silver Groom 4-1 lav. 10

(8-1); 3, Ferny Hill (6-1) ken Luss 2-1 (ev. 5 san NR: Polar Prince, Robah. 4.35 1, Montecristo (8-11; 2, Galepino (6-1); 3, Assured Gamble (8-1) Indimus, 5-2 lav 11 ran. NR: Just in Time 5.10 1, Pay On Red (9-1); 2, Transylvama (5-1 ji-tav), 3, Take A Turn (8-1), My Bold Boyo 5-1 ji-tav 15 ran.

Thirsk

2,10 1, Margeret's Dencer (7-2 fav), 2, Final Clarm (8-1); 3, Anditz (25-1) 18 ran 2.40 1. Moutahddee (11-2); 2. Just Name It (Evens (av). 3. Fantazia (8-1) 8 ran NR Pinnoor Hill. 3.10 1, Truffle (5-4 lev): 2, Highly Fancied (9-1); 3, Just For You Jane (4-1), 12 ran. 3.45 1, Queens Consul (15-2); 2, Dis-crimination (16-1); 3, Delhous Moment (14-1), 4, Northern Blessing (12-1), Pride of Pendle 4-1 (av. 18 ian 4-1 av 10 latt 4-15 1, House Of Dreams (12-1), 2, Cash-mere Lady (11-2); 3, Hasta La Vista (8-1), 4, Royal Castle (10-1) Colway Ritz 3-1 lav 17 ran, NR, Wosata, 4-50 1, Most (33-1), 2, Bahamian Pirate (20-1); 3, Madmun (2-1 lav), 14 ran.

5.20 1, Mukarreb (3-1 lav), 2, Anad (12-1); 3, Collegar (20-1), 4, Harvey's Future (9-2).

7.00 1, Bank On Hum (6-1); 2, Al's Felia (6-1); 3, Pursual Venture (10-1) Any Marion 4-1 g-law 12 ran. NR: Mandesto. 7.30 1. Over The Moon (7-1), 2. Ablaal (7-2 j-tan), 3. Muli (16-1) Scathebury 7-2 2.00 1, Diamond Drill (10-1); 2, Wilton (50-1); 3, First Consul (13-8 lav) 12 ran

Wolverhampton

2.15 1, Marx Mistress (11-2), 2, Valiani Dash (4-1); 3, Kiling Time (5-2 lav) 10 ran.

2.45 1, Change The Reign (9-4 lav), 2, Swing Quartet (9-2); 3, Political Profe (9-2) 6 ran.

3.15 1, Temper Lad (111-2): 2, Lambron Lad (20-1): 3, Sexon Victory (20-1) Charlie's Gold 11-8 lav 12 ran

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5.30 1. First Light (13-2): 2. Proper Partitive (65-1): 3, Mo's Boy (4-5 lav) 9

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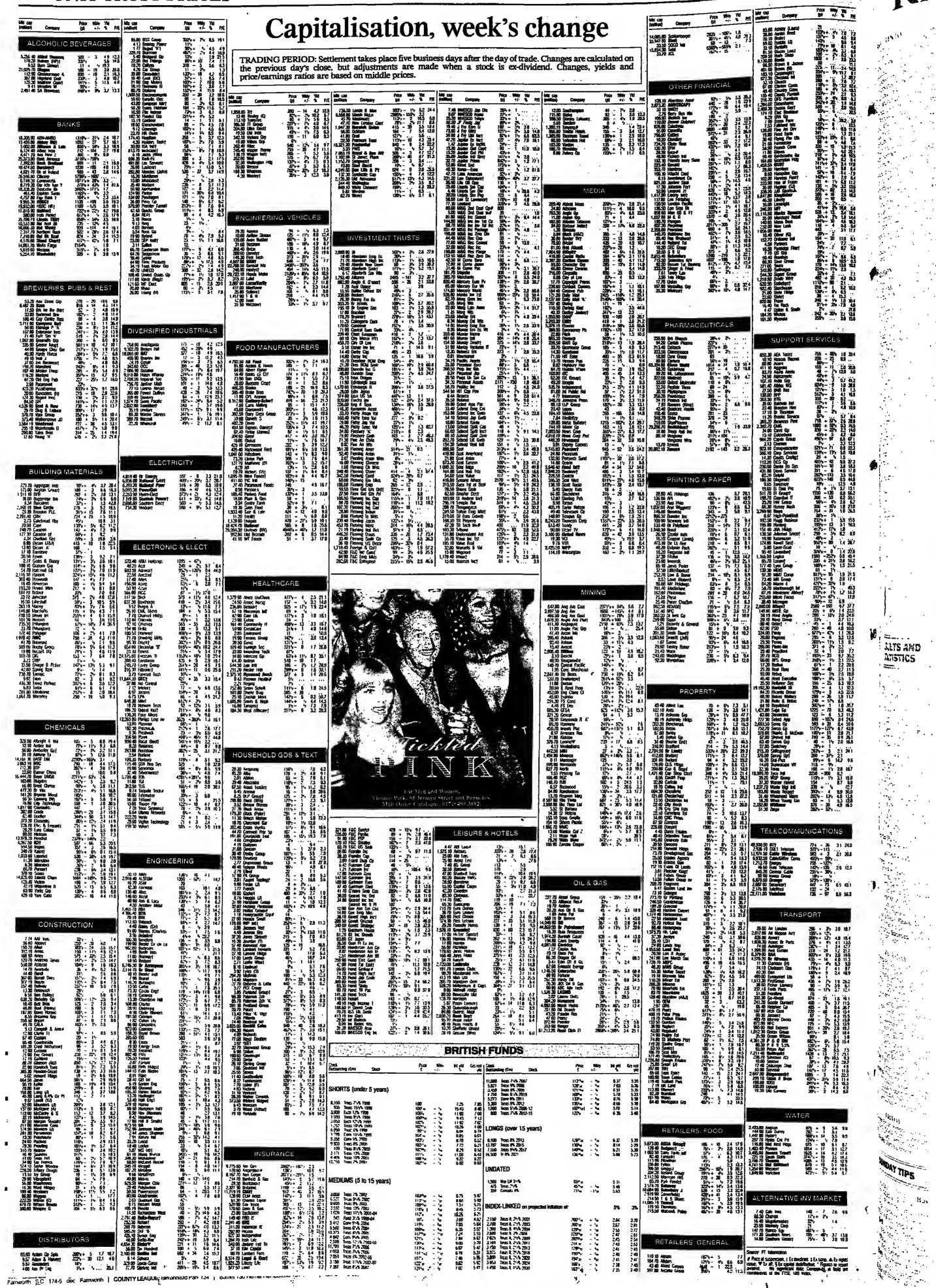
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### Rio Tinto mines a disappointing seam

RIO TINTO: Thursday's interim results from the biggest of the mining houses, of which Robert Wilson is chief executive, are likely to prove disappointing. Pre-tax profits are expected to be flat, coming in at about £365 million, virtually unchanged on the corre-

sponding six months last year. Depressed metal prices will have offset any benefit from acquisitions and increases in profitability. The Comalco subsidiary has already weighed in with numbers that failed to meet market expectations and Borax, Escondida and Kenecott are likely to report a drop in profits at the half-year stage.

Rio Tinto's shares have been trading close to their low for the year, reflecting the drop in metal prices, and brokers fear that the turmoil on world markets will serve to depress prospects further. A modest increase in the dividend from 10.4p to 10.6p is envisaged.

BILLITON: It is hoped that full-year results later today will provide the share price with the impetus to retain its place as a constituent of the top 100 companies.

The extractive industries sector has been under a cloud although Billiton is capable of delivering a respectable set of results. Brokers are forecasting pre-tax profits of between £575 million and £590 million. as against £436 million last time. Earnings per share should rise from 12.1p to 13.6p.

Brokers have already had a chance to judge the results from several of Billiton's associate companies, which have made favourable reading. Aluminium and nickel should have risen, while coal and base metals will be down. The problems associated with Russia and Asia are likely only to add to the group's difficulties.

BTR: Brokers will be looking for the first signs of improvement after a £3 billion restructuring programme when interim results are unveiled on Thursday. However, BTR's May trading statement offered little in the way of encouragement, with trading conditions remaining dull. Little has changed since and there may even have been a small deterioration in some areas.

Even so, the market is braced for a further downturn.
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dover Inv. Dewhirst, Ennstone, Forth Ports, Gaskell, Hodder Head-

ine, IFG Group, Mice Group, Photo-bition (15 miths), PPL Therapeutics, Relyon, Ryland Group, WSP. Finals: Adwest Automotive, Billiton, Bryant,

TOMORROW

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land, IMI, Jardine Lloyd Thompson, Norwich Union, Novara, HR Owen, Pentland, P&O, Scottish Media Group, Simon Group, Staffware, Williams, Yule Catto & Co. Statistics: BRC August retail sales survey; July manufacturing output.

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THURSDAY

Epic Multimedia, Haynes Pub.

band of £380 million to £410 million. That compares with £540 million last time, with earnings per share set to drop from 8.4p to 7p.

Further disposals in the engineering division are expected. with margins having come under further pressure. The payout is likely to be pegged at 3.8p.

UNITED NEWS & MEDIA: The media group announced plans to demerge its money-broking operation in July. Half-year results on Wednesday are unlikely to inspire the City, with pre-tax profits likely to come in virtually un-changed at £167 million, or even to show a small downturn. Earnings will be static at

23p a share. Profits will have been held back by bigger Channel S and interactive service losses amounting to about £11 million. Profits overall this year, will be held back by £50 million of investment, including £20 million directed at the group's national newspapers.

Business services will have enjoyed a buoyant performance in the US, while the contribution from broadcasting will be flat at £34 million. By contrast, Exchange & Mart has enjoyed double-digit growth. The dividend is expected to grow from 11p to 11.2p.

P&O: This is one company that will be watching the recent downturn on Wall Street with more than just passing interest. The last thing P&O will want to see is a further slowdown in the world economy, which would have a disastrous effect on its shipping container business.

Half-year results tomorrow are expected to show a useful improvement in pre-tax profits, with analysts forecasting in a band from £128 million to £137 million. That compares with £118 million last time. Earnings per share are likely to be up almost a third at 15p.

The cruise division has been enjoying strong growth, with US volumes up about 5 per. cent. With operating profits up 25 per cent, to £90 million, cruises now account for just under 50 per cent of overall

announced first-half volume

Duma vote

is of prime

importance

MORE important than any

collection of statistical releases

this week will be today's vote in Russia by the Duma on whether to confirm Viktor Chernomyrdin as Prime Min-ister and a special meeting within days of Group of Seven

deputies in London to discuss the Russian crisis. Developments in Russia's economic situation should remain a huge influence on the behavjour of the big stock markets.

Bonds will be highly sensi-tive to any hints of impending interest rate cuts in the US and other G7 countries. In Britain, the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee meets on Wednesday and Thursday to discuss rates and is widely tipped to leave monetary policy unchanged, given the enormous uncertainties of the international economic outlook

and the slide in stock markets. The first UK statistics of the week come tomorrow with the British Retail Consortium's latest retail sales monitor. Anecdotal evidence from the high street suggests that retail sales bounced back in August, partly because of better weather. Also published tomorrow are Office for National Statistics figures on activity in industry in July. Both industrial output and manufacturing pro-

duction are expected in the City to have fallen slightly compared with June, pushing the

sector further into recession. On Wednesday, July figures for new orders in the construction sector and private sector

housing starts are published

and, on Thursday, the August distributive trades survey

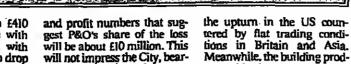
from the Confederation of British industry is released. Overseas statistical releases

include US second-quarter current account figures, out on Thursday. These are expected

to show a further deterioration

of the US trade position from

the record deficit of \$47.2



tal investment in the business. Ferries will show useful profits growth on the back of better pricing and lower costs after the completion of the joint venture with Stena in March. Look out for an increase in

the payout to 14p.

ing in mind the size of the capi-

WILLIAMS: The company was upheat about prospects at the annual meeting in May, although it looks as if the bulk of the profits improvement will come in the second half.

A fairly pedestrian perform-ance is expected when the group unveils first-half numbers tomorrow, with estimates ranging from £128 million to £135 million. That is against £123.4 million last time. BT Alex Brown, the broker, is looking for £131 million this time and has pencilled in £323 million for the full year. Earnings are expected to decline from 10.5p to 9.1p per share.

growth while security has seen

Fire protection has continued to enjoy further sales pared with £335 million last time. Life profits are reckoned to be 6 per cent ahead, but the improvement in the domestic market will be held back by higher new business strain, while currency movements will have taken the shine off

ucts side has continued to offload various business and further disposals are expected. Shareholders can expect an increase in the dividend from

CENTRICA: Brokers are uncertain about the outcome of interim results due out on Thursday. Estimates of net profits range from £30 million to £85 million, with much depending on charges. Last time round the group made £21 million with the bulk of the contribution coming in the second half. As before, there is no dividend.

NORWICH UNION: It will be difficult to gauge the group's interim results due out lomorrow. The comparative figure for last year was based on only 24 weeks. However. brokers are still looking for an underlying improvement, with the group largely unaffected by the weather claims during the first six months. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at £418 million comthe recovery overseas.

A payment of 4.35p is fore-cast this time round, with no dividend having been paid in 1997. But a pro forma payment would have been 3.75p, indicating an increase of 12 per cent.

THISTLE HOTELS: Shareholders must be praying for good news on Wednesday after the rollercoaster ride of recent months. Bid approaches sent its share price to 250p in June, only for Nomura, its chosen suitor, to be sent packing after seeking a price cut. The shares have now sunk

below the 1996 flotation price of 170p and last week's sale of 30 hotels for £66 million well below the £93 million book value - has done little to confidence. Mark Finnie, of BT Alex Brown, is forecasting a rise in half-year pre-tax profits from £37.3 million to £43.5 million, earnings per share of 6.0p (5.7p) and a dividend of 1.6p (1.4p).



MICHAEL CLARK Robert Wilson is expected to reveal a flat set of interim results for Rio Tinto on Thursday

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billion (£28 billion) in the first quarter. This week will also see figures for Japan's July trade performance and second-quarter gross domestic product. Japanese growth is expected to have contracted quite sharply. JANET BUSH

#### manager loses \$1bn

FROM OLIVER AUGUST

LEON COOPERMAN, the manager of the Omega hedge fund, one of America's big-gest, has lost a quarter of his \$4 billion (£2.4 billion) net assets, joining an illustrious circle of the super-rich who have lost more than \$1 billion in the recent market plunge.

John Meriwether's \$4 billion Long-Term Capital Management has reported a
44 per cent drop in net assets.
Mr Cooperman said that he
and his team had invested big sums in hope of a recovery in

emerging markets. Wall Street has fared better. keeping losses far below \$1 billion. JP Morgan, the bank, disclosed Russian exposure of \$160 million and trading revenue of \$300 million in the nue of \$300 million in the quarter to August 27, against \$657 million in that quarter last year. The bank did not disclose the size of Russian losses. A spokesman said: "Providing overall trading revenues for the quarter so far is a lot more informative."

Morgan's profits are aided by income from merger advice and stock underwriting.

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In this year's second quarter,
this was 31 per cent up, at \$334
million. Trading profits rose
by 42 per cent, to \$920 million.

#### Hedge fund Insurer aims to grow from the start

By MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

EUROPE'S second-biggest insurance group plans to use its launch this week as a platform to expand by making acquisi-

tions across Europe.
Trading in Allied Zurich, the financial services group formed from the merger of BAT industries' financial services. ices division and Zurich Group, the Swiss insurer, will

begin tomorrow.

The new financial services group, to be known as Zurich Financial Services, or ZFS, will be owned by two holding companies. One, Allied Zurich, will be listed on the London Stock Eychange while Zidon Stock Exchange, while Zurich Allied, controlling 57 per cent, will be based in Zurich.

ZFS expects rising demand for pensions and other longterm savings plans and thinks it should act now to make its

name in European markets.

The remaining tobacco businesses of BAT industries will trade as British American To-bacco on the London Stock Exchange and will be the world's third-biggest tobacco group.

nies are expected to join the Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar, currently in a division of BAT known as British Ameri-

can Financial Services, will be part of the Swiss-based group. Threadneedle Asset Management, BAT's fund management arm, will be merged with the US-based Scudder Kemper business of Zurich.

Zurich Group is expected to restructure its asset manage-

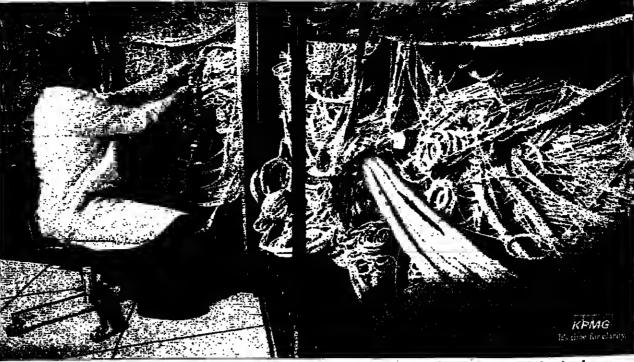
restructure its asset management operations after the merger and will use London as a platform for expansion.

Zurich Re London is being sold to managers backed by Candover, a buyout specialist.

The merger received the goahead last week when a High Court judge cleared BAT's plan to split tobacco and financial services. US medical insurers had argued that they might lose out if the new smallmight lose out if the new smaller tobacco company could not pay for treating sick smokers if it lost any legal action.

The combined group will

now manage assets of \$375 bil-



#### KPMG launches \$60m campaign

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

KPMG, the accountancy group, is to launch a \$60 million (£38 million) international advertising campaign in an ef-fort to change its image and build up its advisory business after it failed to merge with ri-

spond to surveys which showed that top business cus-tomers were snowed under the slogan "KPMG - It's time for clarity". Advertisements will be shown on specialist tele-vision channels such as CNN International, BBC World and Star TV as well as in internawith information and wanted clear, practical "single sheet" advice. But it could also apply to KPMG itself. tional magazines and on post-

structure was one of the rea-sons given for E&Y pulling out of a merger. The campaign, which will be supported by national advertising on the same theme for everything from recruitment to new services, will "emphasise the global integra-tion of KPMG as one firm".

Vickers to consider site closure

Vickers is understood to be considering over the next three weeks whether to close one of its two tank factories, unless it receives more orders.

The group employs about 600 people in Newcastle and 500 in Leeds, which is seen as more vulnerable.

Roth factories are involved

Both factories are involved in production of the Challenger 2 tank.

Liffe looks at links

Brian Williamson, the new chairman of Liffe, is still con-sidering possible finks with other exchanges, including the London Stock Exchange, the derivatives exchange said

Smiths in talks

Smiths Industries is negotiating the purchase of Biochem International, a US maker of non-invasive monitoring equipment, for \$83 million (£50 million).

IBM software

In our story on CWC's £L8 billion outsourcing deal with IBM on September 3, we over-stated the fall in the latter's software division. In 1997, worldwide revenue from IBM software fell by 1.6 per cent. For the most recent quarter, to June this year, software reve-mue rose by 5 per cent.

# The group's perceived lack val Ernst & Young. The campaign will feature ers at airports. The slogan is claimed to reof a coherent international lion (E225 billion). Both London-quoted compa-Take a look at what's the nec birmingham

#### Foresight and the case for lower rates

o far it has been easy. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meets this week in the most difficult circumstances since its inception. Although some commen-tators (including this one) op-posed the last rate rise and have openly argued the case for lower rates, until recently this has seemed a forlorn hope. But now the argument for rate reductions looks much stronger. Will the MPC

It is widely believed that as ,-flation is set to fall, never mind the slowdown in manufacturing spreads throughout the economy, lower interest rates will be inevitable. Yet this does not come to grips with the fundamental economics.

There is a view in the Bank that the economy may be operating well below the level of unemployment at which inflation accelerates (known to the cognoscenti as the NAIRU). Accordingly, even if the economy slows decisively,

the level of economic activity may still be too high and the level of unemployment too low. In this case it may take a "considerable period of below-trend growth"code for recession to bring the economy back to where the Bank thinks it should be to ensure that the inflation target is met.

While this view prevails, the mere emergence of economic

to persuade the Bank to reduce This approach would be all very well if we had a clear idea of what the critical level of unemployment (the NAIRU) is. But we don't. There is also the not inconsiderable difficulty of forecasting the likely course of aggregate demand. The Bank's inflation reports make it seem as though this is a mere technical difficulty, aptly

captured in the probability

slowdown will not be enough

ranges in which the Bank's views are cast - known in the City as the "rivers of blood" charts, after the many shades of red shown cascading across the page into the future. According to this approach, there is an X per cent probabili-ty of inflation being Y per cent in two years' time, and a whole range of probabilities attached to other possible outcomes. And these probabilities are not only knowable in principle but

are actually known to the Bank. Funny that. In 1929, what was the probability of the Great Depression? Was it a 10 per cent chance in two years' time but a 20 per cent chance in three years' time, or vice versa? If only we had had the Bank's Inflation Report al the time to tell us.

This need to predict the fu-

ture arises, of course, from the have to be pre-emptive. It is no use waiting until the

dreaded event is upon you. By that stage it is too late. This has been the justification for the repeated increases in interesi rates over the past year. But will the MPC be just as

desire to influence it. Because of the lags between changes in interest rates and the effects on inflation, interest rate changes

forward-looking now? Some-how, I doubt it. Most memby the experiences of the 1970s. The lessons learned then, and again in the late 1980s, have been burned into them: inflation is an ever-present danger; beware reacting to pressures for lower rates from the ex-change market or the stock market; inflation will come back and hit you in the end.

These are people who will take a lot of persuading that inaccepting that the really big danger is not a resurgence of inflation but the reappearance of deflation for the first time since the 1930s. Accordingly, despite the rhetoric about being forward-looking and preemptive, when it comes to cutting rates, they are likely to be slow and reactive.

This argument is stronger when applied to the ECB, still trying to coat the euro with Teutonic anti-inflationary

credibility when Europe is already hovering on the brink of falling prices. What should the Bank do now? On the one side there are the internal infla-

ty ranges. On the other, amid the solid evidence of substantial economic slowdown domestically and the alarming danger signs of global financial and economic crisis, there is the chance that these are way off

tion forecasts, com-

plete with probabili-

I know where I would ou my money. I would vote for an immediate reduction in interest rates. This does not mean, though, that this is what I think the MPC will do. In my view, the money markets are currently over-estimating the scope for interest rates to fall in the near term. By contrast, they are under-

estimating the scope for them to fall in the medium term. Once it has become abundantly clear that the inflation dan-ger is nugatory, quite apart from the economic imperatives, there will be powerful political pressures on the MPC to cut interest rates substantially. Central bank independence

is all the rage now primarily be-cause it is widely believed that politicians manage monetary policy badly. Specifically, they are prone to increase interest rates only reluctantly, which imparts an inflationary bias. That was the lesson of the 1960s and 1970s. But there is another sort of

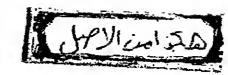
bias, the one which made political control of interest rates once respectable and which underpinned the nationalisation of the Bank of England in 1946. Central bankers are inclined to be slow to reduce interest rates and are too readily in the thrall of conventional opinion in the financial marKretail broki

THIS MONDAY SEP

That was the lesson of the 1920s and 1930s. It suggested a conclusion which, in the recent headlong rush for "credibility" at all costs, has been obscured at times of real crisis monetary policy is too important to be left to central bankers.

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June 1997 figures for Billiton showed turnover of \$5.3 billion, net, income of \$537 million and net assets of \$3.9 ballion. The company's activbalion, wie company's activities include: bauxite mining and aluminium production; titanium mineral mining; nickel mining, coalmining; ferro-alloys and steel.

#### THE BOARD

Brian Gilbertson, aged 54, is chairman and chief exec-utive. He is also a director of

urve. He is also a director of Engen and the South African Reserve Bank.

Michael Davis, 40, is chief financial officer. He joined Gancor in 1994 from Eskom, the South African electricity group, of which electricity group, of which he was executive director. Steven Kesler, 47, is director in charge of base

metals and new business. He joined Billiton in October 1997. He was formerly chief executive of Pacific Nickel in the Philippines and before that was with Rossing Uranium in Namibia and with Escondida in Chile.

David Munro, 43, is director in charge of aluminium and marketing and trading. He joined Gencor in 1981 and was appointed managing direc-tor of Biliton in 1994.

Miklos Salamon, 43, is director in charge of steel

and terro-alloys, nickel and titanium minerals. He is also chairman of Samancor and was previously managing director of Ingwe Coal.

Thera ara six non-executive directors:

David Brink, 59, is also executive chairman of Murray & Roberts, chairman of Unitrans and deputy chairman of ABSA Bank. Cornellus Herkströter, 60, was chairman of the committee of managing directors of Royal/Dutch Shell. Mr Herkströter was previously a director of Billiton, before its ac-quisition by the Shell group. John Jackson, 69, is chair-man of Ladbroke, Celtech

and Xenova and is also a director of WPP, Derek Keys, 67, was a Gencor director from 1994 to 1997 after being South Africa's finance minister. Lord Remwick of Clitton, 60, a former British ambassador, is a director of Robert Fleming, British Air-ways, Canal Plus and Lib-erty International and is

Matthys Visser, 44, is on the board of Rembrandt Group, Malbak and Rothmans international.

chairman of Fluor Daniel

Prian Gilbertson has called the market absolutely right, but foresight has won the South African chairman of Billiton few friends in London. Having raised a huge bundle of money a year ago by selling shares. Billiton has been watching and waiting while commodity prices collapsed. Mr Gil-

have reached their low ebb and is in the mood to invest. An ability to sell high and buy low would normally warrant superstar status, but the City's fund managers are. frankly, irritated. Many bought shares at 220p when Billiton floated on the London stock market a year ago, only

to see them decline to a low

bertson now thinks metals

point of 103p last week. Not only have the sheep-like fund managers been reminded that they failed to spot e market peaking but they have had their noses rubbed in it, watching Mr Gilbertson and his colleagues sit on the cash. Billiton's bosses, although smarting from criticism, are

Part of the problem has been South African funds, recently liberated from foreign investment restrictions, swapping their Billiton stock for US and European shares. A botched placing in May by Dresdner Kleinwort Benson of a stake held by Sanlam, the South African insurer, did not help. Kleinwort ended up with some 50 million shares, acquired at 158p. Recent rumours suggest that they have finally sold the stake, crystallising a large loss.

The share issue in July last year yielded £1 billion and Billiton raised another billion in e loan facility.

Mr Gilbertson insists that

the company examines every opportunity. We have an M&A team which comes to the board with ideas. We have said no. not just yet, to every proposal and each time we were right," he says.

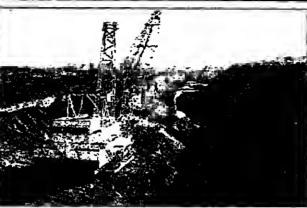
The mood was a touch nervous at Billiton's Trafalgar Square headquarters last week in preparation for today's annual results announcement. The profits will be uncontentious; the company has steered the market towards a figure of about \$475 million (£280 million). However, investors will be looking hard for news about strategy. acquisitions and a promised share buyback.

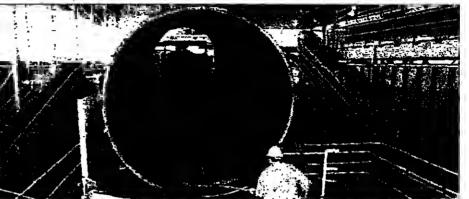
Billiton has so far received a chilly reception in London: it was inept in handling investor then a studgy South African and press relations at the time conglomerate with interests in

#### CORPORATE PROFILE: Billiton









Watching and waiting: Brian Gilbertson, the chairman, top right, is now in the mood to invest, while investors await news about a fresh strategy for Billiton operations, such as ferro-metals, top left: a pelletising plant in South Africa, bottom right; and one of Ingwe's South African collieries

of the flotation and seems bernused by the level of disclosure expected of it. Integrity Works, the consultancy, reckons that the company lacks a succinct statement of business principles. The company responds that is has not had

This contrasts with its reputation back in South Africa where the management have star status. Mr Gilbertson is an establishment figure who boasts a seat on the board of South Africa's Reserve Bank and last week resigned from the board of Gencor, the gold mining group from which Billiton was demerged more

than a year ago.
The creation of Billiton is an extraordinary tale and does much to justify Mr Gilbertson's reputation, both here and at home. He took over the reins at Gencor in 1992; it was oil and paper as well as gold. platinum and coal mining. His strategy was to unbundle the various interests, ending up with a focused mining group but stuck in a troubled

South Africa. The big opportunity came when Shell decided to sell its

mining and metals arm. Billiton. The oil company, too, was refocusing on its core business and the metals operation was chalking up losses. Russian smelters were dumping eluminium and the price was in freefail. Mr Gilbertson reckoned that it had fallen far

#### WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY

"The market has not taken to the company, people have not warmed to them. There are worries that they are going to fall out of the FTSE 100. The share buy-back end buy-in of the minority stakes is a good idea, but the question is when are they going to spend the money."

David Bird, ABN Amro

"We think it is one of the cheapest quality mining stocks in the world. Metal prices are now going in the right direction.

It would have been easy after the issue to spend ell the money, but it would have been wrong to do so."

Nick Hatch, Robert Fleming "People normally buy [the shares] for growth, for capital gain, but they are now so cheap they are almost yield stocks. We like the long-term outlook and at this price you

can almost cover your costs with the dividend, Russell Skirrow, Merrill Lynch

enough, but Billiton was still a big mouthful, \$2 billion of assets, and Gencor had just \$300 million offshore to play with. Banks were reluctant to touch Billiton, which was made up of a collection of stakes in joint ventures, so Gilbertson persuaded Shell to subscribe to a \$300 million bond issue; the seller financed the buyer.

No sconer was the deal signed and sealed than the aluminium producing countries agreed to cut output. The aluminium price soured and Gencor quickly paid back

For a South African management, a London listing was seen as a seat on a larger stage, but, since the share issue, investors wonder whether Billiton has really severed its link with Johannesburg. Investments have been focused on Southern Africa:

the \$3 billion Mozal project to

build a new aluminium smelter in Mozambique; and a \$289 million bid for the outstanding minority share in Ingwe Coal

The criticism is probably unfair: Mr Gilbertson is at heart an opportunist and the rationale for the lngwe bid is largely price and the rapidly depreciating South African rand which is turning a number of Johannesburg-quoted companies into easy bid

Liberty Life, the South African institution, originally baulked at accepting the 25 rand-per-share offer, which also reflected the hugely depressed world price for steam coal. However, Liberty is believed to have given up its lone protest and the takeover should go through smoothly.

That strategy could be exploited further. Prior to its flotation Billiton merged its nickel interests with QNI, the Australian mining company,

leaving Billiton with 55 per cent. The fall in the Australian dollar makes the minority a smaller and potentially interesting mouthful. Australia has rules on foreign ownership. but Mr Gilbertson points out that Billiton has been in Australia for some time.

What the market wants to hear is news of a big sexy deal at the bottom of the marke that will mop up a couple of billion dollars of spare cash and deliver super earnings growth as metal prices recover. In effect, they want Mr Gilbertson to repeat the original Billiton deal.

If it isn't happening, it is not for want of trying. Billiton's chief rival, Rio Tinto is also scouring the market as its share price tumbles but has so far failed to find a home for its free cashflow. Billiton's focus has been privatisations, a potentially rich seam given that they imply a keen seller of assets that are probably overmanned and poorly managed. Russell Skirrow, of Merrill Lynch, reckons that tumbling financial markets could still bring opportunities. Privatisations have been the preferred route, but the more risky path that they may now wish to try is the hostile bid.

Billiton's bosses are unlikely to shy away from battle. What they may lack in social skills in dealing with snooty City institutions, they more than make up in entrepreneurial zeal.

The chairman and the finance director are widely known among the analytical fraternity as the top and bottom half of a tyrannosaurus rex. Mick Devis, the financial supremo, is generally thought to be the bottom half, having the greater girth. Together, they make the ulomate predator, said one Billiton watcher.

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#### **OUR VERDICT**

Ethical expression<sup>1</sup>.. 4/10 Financial record ... Shara performance.. 1/10 Attitude to employees 7/10 Strength of brand..... 5/10 Innovation ...... 9/10 Annual report ....... 4/10 City star rating.... Future prospects...... 8/10

Ethical expression is evaluated by "Integrity Works. The fat cat quotent, in which best boardroom

#### America's DLJ to open UK retail broking arm

DONALDSON, Lufkin & Jenrette, the US investment bank, is building a retail broking operation in Britain and intends to have \$2 billion (£1.25 billion) under management by the end of the year (Richard Miles writes).

Thomas Dicker, managing director of DLJ International's investment services group, has already recruited more than 50 staff for the operation, including 23 consultants who will concentrate on providing edvice to wealthy individuals.

Mr Dicker aims to imitate the success of DLI's retail operation in America, where investors with capital of \$5 million or above are given a personal service, while the mass market is served by DLJ Direct, a telephone and

Internet operation. The UK operation will also package and market insurance and fund management products from Ax2, the French insurer which is DLJ's ultimate parent through its holding in Equitable, the US

#### Scotia warning on breast-pain drug

alleviate breast pain has been shown to be no better than a placebo in the most recent trial by Scotia Holdings, the drug development company.

Scotia warned the UK's Medicines Control Agency (MCA) of its findings about Efamast last month. Searle, the US-owned pharmaceuticals company that markets the drug in the UK. is conducting a full analysis of the trial to see whether they show the drug to be ineffective.

Efamast was one of the first

A DRUG taken by women to of the fat-based pharmaceuticals that were intended to provide the foundations for Scotia's growth. However, Scoria has found it difficult to convince regulators that it has

demonstrated the medical effectiveness of its products. Scotia shares have lost more than two thirds of their value since Tarabetic, a treatment for neuropathy, was turned down by the MCA last year.

The troubling results on Efamast come from an intended 500-patient trial that was begun in 1994 in the hope of ers experienced a psy-

drug outside the UK.

Rob Dow, Scotia's chief executive, said the poorly conducted study, produced the confusing result that patients taking the placebo control responded as well as those who received the active compound of Efamast. He said: The placebo response goes well beyond that seen in other

studies." Scotia has still to come up with an explanation. One possibility is that women suffer-

securing licences to market the chological benefit that was unconnected with any drug

effect of Elamast. Dr Dow took advice from Scotia's lawyers and financial advisers to see whether the problems with Efamast were price-sensitive and should be released to the market. Scotia took the view that an announcement would have created "inappropriate uncer-

tainty" because it was not able to explain its findings. Dr Dow pointed out that three earlier studies had shown Efamast to work.

#### Hillsdown poised to give details of split HILLSDOWN Holdings, the clude float dates for Terra-

troubled food group, is expected to use publication of interim results tomorrow as a chance to confirm that it intends to split itself into three quoted companies and sell assets so as to return cash to shareholders (Robert Cole writes).

The plan, outlined in the spring, was formed to increase shareholder value. It was put back on track after a £1.6 billion takeover attempt by Unigate, the dairy group, fell through this summer.

The concrete plans will in-

nova, the name being given to Hillsdown's cherished chilled foods side and Fairview Homes, the bousebuilder. They should be ready for floating in the second week of October. Little is expected to be said about Hillsdown's

subsidiary companies. Detailed demerger proposals may deflect attention from interim pre-tax profits expected to fall from £56 million last time to between £52 million and £54 million.

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Eurofighter, once a challenge to the military strength of the former Soviet Union, is now aimed squarely at the rival US aerospace industry

#### A transatlantic dogfight for market share in the making

borough international air show will be the last of its type. When the array of military and civil aircraft next take to the Hampshire skies two years hence the European aerospace industry is likely to be in a very different state. Consolidation may have then delivered what everyone believes is vital for survival - a network of pan-European aerospace and

defence groups. This year's show - the biggest yet with more than \$10 billion (£6 billion) worth of orders expected to be unveiled is already showing signs of the increasing co-operation and liaison among Europe's aircraft builders. On the ground British Aerospace will have its partnership village, highlighting the growing "togetherness\* of companies that can no longer afford the luxury of direct competition. in the air. Airbus - the fournation consortium - will show off its planes and boast that its orders are outstripping the once indomitable Boeing. Star of the air show will be the Eurofighter, another fournation venture.

Europe has for some time realised it must overcome governmental barriers and national sensitivities in order compete with the might the US aerospace industry. US companies have already merged, streamlined and cut out the costs that Europe still carries. Now they are fighting for a share of the world market that will prove critical to corporate survival.

Industry experts estimate that as much as 20 per cent of Europe's aerospace capacity must go to make it efficient. That will entail thousands of iob losses and require the

Christine Buckley reports from the international air show at Farnborough on the new moves for consolidation taking off in the aerospace industry

political will of the countries involved. Quite what form consolidation will take is difficult to gauge. Some predict it will be achieved with two or three massive mergers. Others favour the gradual metamorphosis theory whereby companies and countries form

eventually operate as partner-ships and not as individuals. The alliances so far forged have been born of slow and often painful evolution rather than swift amalgamation. Farnborough will this week see much marketing of Europe's two big achieve-ments — the Eurofighter, which will be marketed as Typhoon, and Airbus.

ever-closer alliances until they

The Eurofighter is pitching for an export market worth more than \$70 billion over 20 years. It already has orders for 620 aircraft from the governments of the four countries involved in the consortium --Britain (through British Aerospace). Germany (with Dasa), Italy (through Alenia) and The Eurofighter project was

originally conceived as a show of military strength and expertise against the Soviet Union. Now its firepower is turned on the US as one of Europe's main aerospace assets. It is a costly aircraft, at up to £60 million a time, and export interest has been muted. But industry observers say that it represents the most sophisticated of combat aircraft of its type and that its time on the

international stage is nigh. Airbus, the tie-up of BAe, Acrospatiale, Dasa and Casa, will be crowing at the air show. After claiming victory earlier this year in the hardfought orders battle with Boeing, last month it won the prestigious £3 billion contract with British Airways — the first time BA had placed a big order with anyone but Boeing.

Its success, albeit at a very pared down price, has emphasised the change in balance between the two civil aircraft makers. Previously Boeing had ruled the skies while its rival struggled to shake off the "new kid" image to become a serious contender for the top place in civil aircraft production. Now Boeing, which last year appeared to have bolstered its position by taking over McDonnell Douglas, seems on the ropes. It has unnerved the US stock market with a \$178 million loss and has sacked its head of civil aircraft operations.

y 2000 Airbus will be a single corporate en tity, the first truly pan-European business. European companies will be keen to match this flagship with similar displays of unity.

Bill White, head of aerospace business development at EDS, the international consultant, believes that unity will evolve in the same fashion as Eurofighter and Airbus. While the consolidation in the US aerospace market has been

created by a series of big mergers, he believes Europe will follow a different route. European companies are likely to take more equity ownerships in each other while the existing alliances are likely to get deeper between massive employer. governments and companies,

He also forecasts an injection of US cash into European aerospace. Such a move could lead to an eventual global business superseding the present positioning of two Others believe that time is too short for more gradual evolution. A fast and funda-

dreds of millions that coman aerospace industry. Tax breaks and extra spending on research and technology could be on the a enda as a means to smooth the radical restructuring process. But the Governbroader terms about what it can facilitate.

As the heads of the aerospace facing aerospace companies.

state make-up of Europe. The UK Government has made it clear that it believes rationalisation is crucial for aerospace to be competitive internationally. George Rob-ertson, the Defence Secretary, has said bluntly that the industry must restructure or die. The Government is aware that aerospace is hugely important for the UK. The £15 billion-a-year industry is one of the country's few manufacturing success stories and a

ony Blair was quick to highlight the importance of the BA Airbus order when he appeared at the Toulouse announcement of the deal. He will know that there is more at stake than individual orders in the increasingly frantic race between Europe and the US for aerospace and arms markets.

The Society of British Aerospace Companies has said it will look to the Government to help with some of the hunpanies will have to spend on restructuring, stressing the urgency of the need to rationalise and the consequences for the long-term prospects of keeping ment will also have to think in

industry mingle at Farnborough this week, they will be joined by government officials from the European partners. Arguably it will be the officials who are the more anxious to find solutions to the challenges

#### TELEVISION CHOICE On the Merseyside beat

Television's latest police drama is set in Liverpool (nothing original there) and concerns the operations of a vice squad. So look out for storylines about drug dealers, pornographers, paedophiles and prostitutes, delivered in an appropriately gritty style. Look out too for Samantha (here billed as Sam) Jamus, in a new venture after a raft of flat-sharing sittoms. She plays DC de Pauli, the newcomer to the team with the double disadvantage of being from London and the double disadvantage of being from London and having a degree in psychology. Janus's professional partner is DC Callaghan (Mark Womack), who behaves more like the villains than the villains themselves and is also related to half the cast, including the priest and his own informer. The first episode is a bit of a puzzle plotwise but as this is more serial than series, things should

Prand Squad BBCI, 9.30pm

Birmingham's trading standards officers are the latest professionals to submit to the cameras, in a series that promises to offer diverting cases that fall some way stort of the crime of the century. In tonight's opening episode there is a health alert after it is discovered that the paint on pestle and mortars imported from the Indian sub-continent carries dangerously high levels of lead. Local radio is called in to warn the unsuspecting public. More involving is the attempt to track down the owners of a chain of sex shops selling illegal hardcore pornography. Seizing the videos has little effect, as the shops start up again as if nothing had happened. They even replace signs which have been taken down. A more ingenious approach is demanded and the officers are not found wanting. Birmingham's trading standards officers are the

Veronica's Closet ITV, 10.40pm

If you wondered what the creators of Friends did for an encore, here it is, a comedy about a woman who sells lingerie and other aids to marital bliss, but errioys little of it bersell. The reason is a philandering husband, who tends to advertise his affairs by letting his mistresses lose their bras

Paul Usher, Sam Janus and Mark Womack as members of a vice squad (BBCI, 9pm)

down the family sofa. But you know that however much she threatens to leave him she never will or the premise of the show would collapse. The subjoke is that the eponymous Veronica (played by a Cheers veteran, kirstie Alley) is getting a bit too long in the tooth to be modelling seductive underwear, hence the helpful suggestion that she uses her head on a younger model's body. In the American style this is a comedy of short scenes and mickfire gags, rather than of character. quickfire gags, rather than of character.

Video Diaries: Nightmare in Paradise BBC2, 11.15pm

In July 1995 a group of foreign tourists, including the Britons Keith Mangan and Paul Wells, were kidnapped in Kashmir, probably by a pro-Pakistan militant group which disputes India's right to the territory. At the end of last year Sean Langan, a financial journalist, travelled to Kashmir to make his own investigation. What was intended to be a two-week assignment turned into the most dangerous five months of his life and this three-part video diary, being shown on consecutive nights, is his first-hand account. To start with he accompanied the families of the hostages, including Mangan's wife Julie, and Wells's father he was on his grown. His report shows Bob. Later he was on his own. His report shows how his professional instincts came into growing conflict with his feelings for the victims and their Peter Waymark relatives.

Book at Bedtime: Brian Friel's Short Stories .

Brian Friel is well-known as an inventive dramatist but his short stories are not widely available, so that alone makes this five-night

sequence of his work worth a listen. There is also a

wider point to be made, which is that I happen to think the short story format should be used more often for Book at Bedtime, given that many people cannot listen at the same time every night. Friel's

stories have in common the fact that they are set in the North-West of Ireland and they all deal with

the mix of belief and hope that helps. Friel's

characters to get by, further aided by fantasy and illusion. Tonight's opening story is Among the Ruins about man visited by old memories, and it is

#### RADIO CHOICE

Radio 4, 10.45pm

Blue Peter Birthday Prom Radio 3, 2.00pm.

This is an unusual concert in which musical instruments made out of old toiler roll holders, washing-up liquid containers, rolls of sticky tape and give made from flour and water perform several works which were made earlier by famous composers. Actually, no: I made that up, except for the bit about the composers, This is a special Promito celebrate the 40th anniversary of Blue Peter, performed for children and their families. The conductors are Pascal Tortelier and Rumon Gumba, the latter conducting Wallen's Percussion Concerto, played by Adrian Spillett, the BBC Young Musician of the Year, Other works include Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man and

8.000mm Chris Moyles 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Raddiffe 4.00 Dave Pearce, Includes 5.45 Newsbeat 6.30 Lamacq Live with the Beastie Boys and Faithless in session 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 12.00 The Breezeblock 2.00am Emma B 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00mm Alex Lester 7.30 Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm: Ed Stewert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Humphrey Lytetton 8.00 Big Band Special 8.30 The Chris Barber Jazz Diaries 9.30 Mark Lement Shake Rettle and Roll 10.30 Richard Alinson 12.05am Stave Madden 3.00 Annie Oth

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00wm Breakfast with Julian Worricker 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Middley News 1.00pm Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Edita. Presented by David McNell 7.30 Master Managers. Bryon Buffer reassesses the career of England's World Cup winner Sir All Ramsey 8.00 England's World Cup winner Sir All Ramsey 8.00 England's World Cup winner Sir All Ramsey 8.00 England's World Cup. Alan Green debates England's chances of staging the 2006 World Cup, with a penel including Sir Geoff Hurst 10.00 Lete Night Live with Nick Robinson 1.00em Up All Night with Gary Robertson 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Chris Evans 9.30 Bobby Hain 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Mark Forrest 7.30 James Mentit 10.00 Paul Coyle 1.00am Peter Poulton 4.30 Jeremy Clark

TALK BADIO

6.30am The New Talk Radio Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chleholm 11.00 Lorreine Kelly 1.00pm Arma Reeburn 3.00 Torreiny Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Nick Abbot 9.00 Jernes Whale 1.00am

#### WORLD SERVICE

read by Gerard McSorley.

Claim News 7.15 Stories from the Atteritie 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.15 Off the ShelftMeson's Mini Break 8.30 The Vintage Chart Show 9.00 News; (648 only) News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 International Question Time 10.00 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 International Question Time 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Record News 10.30 Weshway Access 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Ornabus 12.00 News Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Cutlook 3.30 The Edge 4.00 World News 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Westway Access 4.30 Joe Stummer's London Calling (648 only) News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 8.00 News 6.15 Insight 6.30 Seven Days (648 only) News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Brain of Britain 8.00 Proms '98 8.50 Pause for Thought 8.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Songs of the Suff Mystics 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight 10.30 Songs of the Suff Mystics 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Insight Multitrack Hit List 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Westway 1.45 Britain Today 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Sevan Days 2.45 Bringing Up Beby 3.00 Newsday 3.30 On Screen 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The World Today

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#### CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Balley, Includes the start of a special selection of 100 favourite musical works 8.00 Henry Kelly, Includes the Hall of Fame and Record of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones presents listeners' favourite pleces of music 2.00pm Concerto Bach (Concerto in D minor for 2 violins 3.00 Michael Mappin, includes Continuous Classics and Afternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight, John Brunning presents the latest news stories 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. Two hours of rews somes 7 AM Shoot Cassact at Seven I No from the seasy-listening with John Brunning 9.00 Evening Concert. Handel (Overture, Ariodante, Tra le fiamme; Suita No 5 in Emisjor for Harpsichord; Water Music Suita No 1 in F; Chandos Arithern No 10) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00ams Concerto (r) \$.00 Mark Griffiths

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#### PARCHONIC PROPERTY AND A PROPERTY AN

(a) In German, literally, a pigtail. But the word is used symbolically to describe what is antiquated or "old har". It is applied particularly as a mickname to 18th-century arts in general. In music it signifies the easy-going manneristic composition in which immediate effectiveness took the place of gennine expression in a worthy form.

Mr White said.

world players.

mental merger of European

players is favoured by John

Weston, chief executive of BAe.

The company has already sent

out warning shots about the

need for rapid restructuring in

the arms industry by saying that it could close its Royal

Ordnance ammunitions fac-

tory or go into a joint venture

with Rheinmetall. The move

has alarmed the Ministry of

Defence. The MoD does not

its munitions but neither does

it want to see the UK without

Herein lies the dilemma for

Europe. Political sensitivities

face a head-on clash with

commercial reality. The political complexity, which the US

has happily avoided, is also

the key. Governments will

want to ensure that their

acrospace and defence cham-

pions do not go to the dogs

because of the very different

its own production.

(b) Organic compounds of Carbon, Hydrogen and Sulphur. They smell evil, pong dreadful, and are found in petroleum products, particularly unrefined motor gasoline or petrol. They must be removed or converted into unobjectionable forms by various treating processes or "sweetening".

(c) An instrument like a saxophooe, invented and played between the World Wars. It had 25 finger valves, each with its own reed. So it could play chords. It could be held to the mouth like a saxophone, or laid on the table and blown through a rubber tube.

(a) A fowl split open and grilled immediately after being killed, plucked and dressed in summary fishion. The old version of a television supper, used particularly on battlefields at close of play.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 Bo2! wins a piece, e.g. 1 ... Bxe5 2 Bxh5+ g6 3 fxg6 fxg5 4 g7+.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND US dollar

1.6736 (+0.0104) German mark 2.9029 (-0.0501) Exchange index 104.3 (-1.7) Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCKMARKET

FT 30 share 3284.3 (-45.2) FTSE 100 5167.0 (-82.4) New York Dow Jones 7640.25 (-411.43) Tokyo Nikkei Avge 14042.91 (+127.28)

TOURIST RATES 11.30 Little Novels: Mr Marmaduke and the Minister.
A Victorian mystery by Wifee Collins, dramatised by John Arden, With Ronald Pickup, Peter Kelly and Emma Fielding (f)
12.00 (FM) News; You and Yours, with Liz Barclay and John Weite 12.57pm Weather
12.00 (LW) News: Headlines: Shapking Forecast:
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.30 Words in Missic. The last semi-final. Presented by Dens Quilley
2.00 News; The Archers (f)
2.15 News; Afternoon Play: From a Distance, by Maggie Allen. A Journalist returns to Brighton to care for her sick lather. With Frank Windeor, Emma Fielding and Maggie Steed
3.00 Money Box Live. Call 0171-550 444
3.30 Blind Man on the Rampage. Peter White presents a series of programmes with a unique take on life. (1/5) (r)
3.45 The Lyrical Baltada. Sam West reads from the work of Wordsworth and Coleridge, first published 2.92 21.42 63.04 2.678 0.896 11.64 8.38 10.6 \$25 13.75 13.01 1.21 6.78 30.41 238.69 Cyprus Cypt .... Hong Kong \$ ....

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6.00am On Air. Presented by Petroc Tretawny.
Includes Haydin (Trumpet Concerto in E flat
major); Vitla-Lobos (Bachianas Brasilieras No 9)
9.00 Masternworks, with Penny Gore. Includes Boyce
(Symphony in F); Handel (Chandos Anthem No 1:
O Be Joyful in the Lord); Mozart (Sinfonia
Concertenta in F flat!: Debussiv (Petite Suite): Concertanta in E flat): Debussy (Petite Suite):

Concertanta in E ffat); Debussy (Petite Suite):
Ravel (La Valse)

10.30 Artist of the Weet: Jean-Yves Thibaudat
11.00 Sound Stories: Stren Voices. Olympe Petissier
11.00 Proms Composer of the Weet: Leos Janáček
1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert: Proms
Chamber Music 98. Live from the Victoria and
Afbert Museum, London. Wind Soloists of the
Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. Mozart, an
Heidenreich (The Magic Pittle, excepts); Salieri
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2.00 BBC Proma 98: Blue Peter 40th Birthday Prom. Islington Music Centre Children's Choir, Adrien Spitiett, percussion, BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier and Rumon Gamba. Including Copland (Fantare for the Common Man); Ravel (Bolero); Emolyn Wallen (Parcussion Concerto, Finale). See Choice 2.45 The Pied Piper of Hamelin. Peggy Reynolds Introduces a

cultivated 11.30 Little Novels: Mr Marmaduke and the Minis

work of Wordsworth and Coleridge, first published

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RADIO 3

performance of *The Pied Piper* by Andrew Sachs 3.05 Concert, part two 4.00 Opera to Order, with Patrick O'Connor 4.45 Music Machine: in at the Deep End (r) 5.00 in Time. Sean Rafferty talks to Diana Rigg as a new translation of Racine's play Phédre opens in Lordon. 8.90 BBC Proms 96. Czech Philharmonic under Charles Mackertas, Janáček (Sulte: The Cunning Little Vixen; Taras Butba) 9.00 Britons and

Bohemians 9.20 Concert, part two. Mahler (Symphony No 1)

10.25 Postscript: Living Ideas Leading philosophers offer their appreciation of great thinkers who have influenced their work and understanding of the world. Martha Nussbaum, Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago, discusses

Aristotle (1/5) (r)
10.40 A Secret Mass. A BBC Invitation concert recreating the sounds of a clandestine Roman Catholic Mass service as it might have been in the

11.30 Jezz Notes. Alyn Shipton is joined by Dave Gelty for jazz news and a book review
12.00 Composer of the Weelc Elster and Welli (r)
1.00em Through the Night, with Susan Sharpe

 5.00am Today, with Sue MacGregor and James
 Naughtie. Includes 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25
 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day
 9.00 A Week with. A look behind the scenes at the 9.00 A Week with. A look behind the scenes at the week's events
9.30 Let the Rumpus Begin (1/4) (r)
9.45 (FM) The Own's Watchsong. Tim Pigoti-Smith reads J.A. Cuddon's 1950s tribute to the once imperial city of Istanbul (1/5) (r)
9.45 (LW) Datry Service
10.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Martina Keamey
11.00 News; African Aromathenapy. Anna Hill travels to Africa to discover how essential offs are cultivated

4.30 Four Corners, with Jane Franchi and guests
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Clare English 5.54 (LW)
Shupping Forecast 5.57 Weather
6.00 Str. O'Clock News;
6.30 The Very World of Militon Jones. Comedy
7.00 News; The Archers 7.15 Front Row. Seamus
Heaney, the 1995 winner of the Nobel Prize for
Literature, joins Mark Lawson to discuss poetry
and politics
7.45 Deer Jayme Browne (1/5) (r)
8.00 News; Dr Feelgood. Ian Stafford profiles Hans
Muller-Wohlfahrt, the controversal orthopsedic
doctor, the man they call "Dr Feelgood"
8.30 In This Together: In Need, Jenny Cuffe visits
Wythershawe, Manchester, to meet families
unable to take up the opportunities presented by
the welfare reforms

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8.00 News; Kelko's Story. Mark Carwardine follows the journey of the killer whale used in the filming of Free Willy on its journey to freedom

9.30 A Week with (r) 10.00 The World Tonight

10.45 Book at Bedtitme: Among the Rulms. Gerard McSoriey reads a series of short stories by Brian Friel. See Choice (1/5)

11.00 Radio 4 Appeal. For a cherity which helps those affected by Huntington's disease (r)

11.02 Late Night on 4: Antoine et Dougle, by Brian McCabe A Scottish schoolboy goes on an exchange trip to 1990s France (1/2)

11.30 The Music That Blinds Us. Sue McGarry talks to Russell Grant and his lifelong frend Shritey

Russell Grant and his lifelong friend Shirley Stansfield (2/4) (r) 12.00 News 12.30em The Late Book: Tales from

Ovid. Ted Hughes reads from his award-winting of Ovid's Metamorphoses (6/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1:00 As World Service
5:30 World News 5:35 Shipping Forecast
5:40 Inshere Forecast 5:45 Prayer for the Day
5:47 Parming Today, with Anna Hill

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# Lenny, going a little potty in the Potteries

L vision these days who isn't scowling, shoving a stubby microphone into his mouth with one hand, while jabbing the down-turned fingers of the other into the camera lens. But I am white and middle-aged and not supposed to appreciate these things.

So too, at a glance, were most of the citizens of the Potteries. assembled at the Royal Theatre, Hanley, for Lenny Goes to Town (BBCI, Saturday). Lenny Henry has always been much bigger with white than black audiences. His first professional work was touring with The Black And White Minstrel Show, and, as Saturday's show reminded us, he is an oldfashioned end-of-pier variety performer - and a very good one.

We knew what we were in for from the opening otles, flashing through a sequence of Henry pulling comedy faces, gurneying

t is refreshing to see a black male entertainer on the teleshow included some dreary soul grandmother, which made me singing from Robbie Williams, out of Take That, but Lenny Henry, I realised, is Tigger out of Winnie the Pooh. He bounced about the stage in a bright blue suit, whooping and squawking. He bounced about the audience, rubbing men's fuzzy haircuts and sitting in wornen's laps. In one insert he licked a bald man's scalp - not a lentative "Can I have a little taste?" lickette - a great big slimy flat-tongued wipe, which must have left a

broad, desalinated stripe.
Other humiliations included the lads from the lavatory factory forced to perform their awful karaoke by Henry's incarnation as camp makeover maestro Rikki Park ("He's gonna blow-dry your mind"). In "Some Kids Do 'Ave "Em" a vindictive little boy was allowed to punish his parents for making him kiss his granny and tidy his room. "II's all gooey and

wonder if she was deceased. The climax, inevitably, was the

appearance of Theophilus P. Wildebeest in black leather open to the navel, with big silver epaulettes and a grotesque codpiece. This "lurve" god is always under-mined, both by the ludicrous act and by Lenny Henry's physique, which, like his humour, is very broad, with "big, big" thighs and "child-bearing" hips. Nobody has done more to debunk the mystique of black male virility, which may account for the demography of his

enny Henry was splattering people's dignity all over the stage at a furious rate, but it was their bodily fluids that were going Awol in the two-part opener to the 13th series of Casualty (BBCI, Saturday and Sunday). The last series rather lost its way, REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

reducing the number of plotlines per episode, flatly lit and often flatly scripted, with the staff unrealistically involved in the patients' personal problems, while shouting at each other about their own. But the drama rallied in the final, frantic wedding episode, and now it has lurched fully to the ER end of the Accident and Emergency spectrum, complete with distractingly glamorous female staff.

They like to start with a disaster. avoid the gynaecologist's daughter This time it was a fire in a school, the unexpected result of a contorted build-up plot about a school bully whose flash, hardman father had stolen the mother of the builty's favourite victim from the victim's gentle, long-suffering dad.

We spent most of the first episode thinking this would lead to a knifing. In fact it was a careless caretaker leaving his fag burning on a sofa that precipitated disaster. The school was full of unauthorised gas canisters (unless I missed it in the confusion, this was never explained) so that the building was able to explode as violently as the villain's headquarters at the end of a James Bond film.

The situation was further complicated when the lorry driver, rushing to collect his daughter. abandoned at the hospital by her drunken pregnant mother (who was off giving herself a near-fatal DIY termination), swerved to

(who was staggering back to hospital with the dying friend whom she had injected with alcohol as an experiment), and hit the car full of paramedics speeding to the fire, turning it over and nearly killing Mark, the black male nurse whom everybody fancies. Oof!

nly the non-Englishspeaking Asian mother of the baby with carbon monoxide poisoning, and the husband of the woman beaten to a pulp by loan sharks, escaped the carnage of this RTA. Apart from the groaning pile of mangled subplots. other innovadons are much improved lighting and the fect that Bristol (or "Holby") is apparently full of people with northern accents. The locals have all left for an area where they can visit their hospital without getting sucked into a mulople accident scenario. Lucy Gannon has written some

I have particularly enjoyed Bramwell and The Gift and was looking forward to Big Cat (BBC1, Sunday). As usual it was excellent on detail, such as the revolting bacon and tomato ketchup sandwich made by the amiable but slovenly heroine, Alice (Amanda Root).

The play also enjoyed taut direction and inventive camera work during the flashbacks of the anti-hero, Leo. These were our first clues that the gentle giant (another convincing psycho from David Morrissey, after tormented roles in Holding On and Our Mutual Friend) was a loony.

That was the trouble. It is too easy to make melodrama out of inexplicable manias. The play slipped from social realism into horror-comic Gothic, as we saw that Leo was "Mad! Mad, I tel) you!" By the time he got that knitting needle through his eye I had ceased to care.

#### BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (13262)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (90736) 9.00 Kilroy (7833552) 9.40 Breakers (7785262)

10.05 Sex Wars A look at "girl power" 10.30 Daily Live (1) (4419945)

10.55 News and weather (T) (1980281) 11.00 Style Challenge (1070858) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (1073945) 11.55 News and weather (1) (7176945) 12.00 Through the Keyhole (1) (7929668) 12.25pm Wipeout (7004303)

12.50 The Weather Show (1) (17430200) 1.00 News (1) and weather (93823) 1.30 Regional News (41045200) 1.40 Neighbours (1) (97364216) 2.05 Breakers (r) (29140303) 2.25 Quincy (r) (7767571)

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.3.15 The Weather Show (r) (T) (2646200) 3.25 Tales of Aesop (r) (5806303) 3.30 Playdays (r) (7835842) 3.50 Arthur (r) (7919858) 4.15 Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (6355910) **4.40** Goosebumps (1) (8587939) **5.00** Newsround (1) (8612991) **5.10** Blue Peter, A visit to the Arctic Circle (1) (6955991)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (583649) 6.00 News (T) and weather (397) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (649) 7.00 This Is Your Life New series presented

by Michael Aspel (1) (8991) 7,30 Here and Now New series of news/consumer reports presented by Juliet Morris, Including Wendy Robbins on clairvoyant cheats who prey on the recently bereaved. Plus: a North London choir who have been banned from worshipping at their church because of complaints from residents (T) (533)

6.00 EastEnders Tiffany thinks long and hard about her life-changing decision; Pat considers leaving the Square (T) (4939) : 8.30 Children's Hospital New series. Fleat-

Hospital (T) (9674) 9.00 News (T) and weather (9736)

9.30 Fraud Squid New series.

Birmingham Trading
Standards officers go underground to investigate an illegal sex shop (1) 193200

10.00 Jada (1995) Adult thriller with David Caruso, with Chazz Palminteri and Linda Fiorentino. Directed by William Friedlich (1) (55736) WALES: 10.00 Mad About Science (325741) 10.05 Mad About Science (988007) 10.35 FILM: Jade

11.30 Return to Normandy Steven Spielberg discusses the making of his D-Day landings epic Saving Privata Ryan (283552)

11.50 The Hilf (1965, b/w) Tough military prison. drama with Sean Connery. Sidney Lumet directs (f) (775484) WALES: 12.05am Return to Normandy (5650175) 12.25 FILM: The Hill (621156)

1.45am Weather (2914446) 1.50 BBC News 24 WALES: 2.25 Joins BBC

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#### 6.10em English, English Everywhere (1) (9232026) 6.35 Deal-Bland Education in Russia (5491823)

BBC2

7.00 Teletubbles (r) (1631378) 7.25 Smurls' Adventures (r) (1643113) 7.50 The Really Wild Show (i) (T) (3472910) 8.15 The Biskits [4118200) 8.35 Tales of Aesop (8602552) 8.45 Harry and the

Hendersons (r) (1) (6883026) 9.10 Hawkeye (r) (7928674) 9.50 Cartoon (6739939) 10.00 Teletubbles (79755) 10.30 The Man from Morocco (1945, b/w)
Second World War drama with Anton
Walbrook. Directed by Murz Greenbaum

Watbrook. Directed by Murz Greenbaum (T) (22118823)

12.20pm Consuming Passions (4958939)
12.30 Working Lunch (94378) 1.00
Penny Crayon (r) (57073649)
1.10 The Fighting Kentuckian (1949, b/w)
John Wayne as a farmer who fights landgrabbers and tries to win the affections of a French general's daughter. George Waggner directs (T) (52934668)

2.45 News (1) (9714397) 2.50 Top Gear Motorsport Goodwood's Festival of Speed; test-driving Formula Palmer Audi cars (6394465)

3.25 News (T) (5804945) 3.30 How Does Your Garden Grow? (1) (755) 4.00 Change That (6957129) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (1) (6950218) 4.55 Esther: The Role of Modern Fathers (1) (8934620) 5.30 Today's the Day (246)

6.00 The Simpsons (r) (T) (825194) 6.45 Space 1999 (r) (T) (973465) 7.40 Ren and Stimpy (r) (T) (790303)

6.00 Local Heroes New series presented by Adam Hart-Davis. The shy scientist Henry Cavendish; tarming pioneer Jethro Tuli; officeat illustrator William Heath Robinson

8.30 Looking Good, Feeling Great Lowin Turner looks at health issues, including stress-related illnesses; alternative cures for impotence (7216)

9.00 Shooting Stars (r) (T) (T378) 9:30 Red Dwarf A-Z (r) (1) (93282)

10.00 Red Dwarf Rerun of the first series (r) (T) (62281)10.30 Newsnight (1) (102858)



A scene from Sean Langan's video diary of a trip to Kashmir (11.15pm)

Nightmare in Paradise
Three-part video diary shown Langan's account of the search for tourists taken hostage by Kashmiri

11.55 Grace Under Fire (915649) 12.25am Weather (4602408)

12.30 Learning Zone: The Spanish Chapel (82069) 1.00 Brechl on Stage (23021) 1.30 Richard II (63682) 2.00 The Greats 5.00 Information Technology (7904972) 5.45 Hardwick Hall (51779)

#### 6.00am GMTV | 1268945) 9.25 Vanessa (1) (6895674) 10.15 This Morning (1) |84315465) 12.15pm Regional News (2492378) 12.30 News (T) and weather (81804) 1.00 WALES: Animal Country (88991) 1.00 BLT (88991) 1.30 Home and Away (T)

(86303) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (1) 2.45 WALES: Stepping the World: The Maidives (948741)

2.45 BLT (948741) 3.15 News (1) (5802587) 3.20 Regional News (1) (5729200)

3.25 Wizadora (5719823) 3.35 Titch (r) (4248216) 3.50 Sooty and Co (f) (7831026) 4.15 Art Attack (T) (110945) 4.45 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (T) (3492991)

5.10 WALES: Get Gardening! (1) (9604533) 5.10 Yan Can Cook (9604533) 5.40 News (1) and weather (482571) 8.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (885910) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (995864) 6.25 Regional weather (599218) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (945)

7.00 WALES: Wild Tracks: Aberport to Newquay (r) (6587) 7.00 Secrets of the Moor (r) (6587) 7,30 Coronation Street Steve and Maxine play a dangerous game (1) (129)

8.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Game show hosted by Chris Tarrani (9007)

8.30 Fat: Fatality Fat New stx-part series on personal struggles with obesity (1) (1842) 9.00 CHUCE Liverpool One Drama series following the challenges laced by a policewoman who transfers to a vice squad in a different area. With Samantha Janus, Mark Womack and Tom Georgeson (T) (6945)

10.00 News (1) and weather (66007) 10.30 Regional News and weather (225858)



Kirstie Alley stars as Veronica in a new American sitcom (10.40pm)

Veronica's Closet American sitcom about the head of a chain of lingerie shops. With Kirstie Alley, Dan Cortesa and Jamey Sheridan (1) (242378)

11.10 Dharma and Greg Dharma buys an old school bus (T) (508113) 11.40 WALES: Renegade (2/2) (896465) 11.40 Midnight Caller (896-165)

12.40am Football Extra (2723682) 1.40 World Football (1) (5724953) 2.05 Real Stories Football (1) (5724953) 2.05 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (2244408) 2.30 Club@vision Rewind (1) (9498392) 3.10 Vanessa (1) (1) (1833224) 4.00 Judge Judy (r) (T) (87572576) 4.20 Soundtrax (55912779) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (67392750) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (60428) 5.30 News (92934)

#### CENTRAL As HTV West except. 1.00pm Echo Point (88991)

1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (7439674) 2.45-3.15 High Road (948741) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9604533)

a.25 Central News (995864) 7.00-7.30 Family Fortunes (6587) 11.40 Baywatch Nights (896465) 2.10am Real Stories of the Highway Patrol

3.05 Vanessa (1852359) 3.50 Central Jobfinder '98 (2459999) 5.20 Asian Eye (9426576)

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#### WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.15pm Westcountry News (2492378) 12.27-12.30 Illuminations (4953484)

1.00 High Road (88991) 1,30 The Jerry Springer Show (7439674) 2.45-3.15 Dig it with Den (948741) 5.08 Birthday People (1551649) 5,10-5.40 Home and Away (9604533) 6.00 Westcountry Live (99823)

7,00-7.30 Family Fortunes (6587) 11.40 Baywatch Nights (896465)

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12.15-12.30 Meridian News and Weather (2492378)1.00-1.30 Shortland Street (88991)

2,45-3.15 Quids in (948741) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9604533) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (465)

6.30 Country Ways (945) 7.00-7.30 The Antiques Trail (6587) 11,40 The Pier (298484)

12.05am The Listings (9528427) 12.10 Public Morals (8194750)

#### ANGLIA As HTV West except: 1.00pm-1.30 Split Second (88991) 2.45-3.15 Stepping the World (948741) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9604533)

6.23 Angila Weather (590945) 6.25 Anglia News (995864) 7.00-7.30 Recipe for Disaster (6587)

11.40 Renegade (896465) **SE** 

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (89674) 9.00 Bewitched (76484) 9.30 FILM: Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe (83069804) 11.25 20th Century Hall of Fame (1215571) 11.30 Here's One 1 Made Earlier (3939) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (3939)
12.00pm Happy Days (56620) 12.30 Sesame Street (85674) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (57082397)
1.15 Ding Dong (57070552) 1.30 Tastes of Britain (84945) 2.00 Classic Homes (7723)
2.30 Moving People (378) 3.00 Real Gardens (9620) 3.30 The Living Sea (823) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One: The Big Winners (858) 4.30 Rickl Lake (842) 5.00 5 Pump (5104026) 5.15 Ffell (8624736) 5.30 Countdown (194) 6.00 Newyddion 6 (256484) 6.10 Heno (830026) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (712910) 7.25 Radicaliaid Celtaidd (924484) 8.00 Gair Am Aur (7649) 8.30 Newyddion (9484) 9.00 Hafod Haidd (8674) 9.30 Sgorio (8167649) 10.35 FILM: Carry on Constable (45676755) 12.10am NYPD Blus (925689) 1.05 Critical Condition (9165224) 1.35 In Your Dreams (5723224) 2.05 Dhwedd (54133137)

#### CHANNEL 4' 6.00am Sesame Street (39200) 7.00 The Big Breaklast (T) (89674) 9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (76484)

9,30 Diamond Horseshoe (1945) Musical, the first in a week-long season starring betty Grable. A showgirl is bribed to make a medical student fall in love with her. George Seaton directs (1) (83069804)

11.25 20th Century Hall of Fame A profile of Ronald Reagan (1215671) 11.30 Here's One I Made Eather. Tuscan bean soup (r) (T) (3939) 12.00 Sesame Street (56620) 12.30pm | Dream of Jeannie (T) (85674) 1.00 Watercolour Challenge (r) (T (6817179)

1.35 All Through the Night 11942, b/w)
Cornedy-thriller starring Humphrey
Bogant and Conrad Veidt. A Broadway by Vinceni Sherman (93367804)

3.30 Classic Homes (r) (1) (823) 4.00 Fifteento-One: Tha Big Winners (r) (f) (858† 4.30 Countdown (f) (3402378) 4.55 Montel Williams: Surprise Wedding Proposals (f) (8032216)

5.30 Pet Rescue Rehousing popular breeds of dog (1) (194) 6.00 Roseanne (r) (T) (197)

6.30 Hollyoaks (1) (587) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (489216) 7.55 Algeria Daily Daily documentary series about the civil war in Algeria (1) (853991)

8.00 The World'a Oldest Living Bridesmald (1990, TVM) Romantic cornedy starring Donna Mills and Brian Wimmer. A top female attorney falls in love with her younger male secretary Directed by Joseph L Scantan (20289113)

9.45 Seventeen Short drama about a teenager's love (r) (T) (814303) 10.00 NYPD Blue: Weaver of Hate Tempers

flare when the father of a murdered teenager uses racial epithets (1) (246026) 10.55 X-Rated Rickl Tonight's guests are transvestites (T) (434543)



Meryl Streep as the tormented Resitance fighter (11.40pm)

11.40 Plenty (1985) Political drama based on David Mamet's play, starring Meryl Streep, Sam Neill and Charles Dance. Susan Traheme is haunted by her experiences as a Resistance fighter in occupied France upon her return to Britain; and her ematic behaviour places the lives of those around her in danger. Directed by Fred Schepisi (1) (62998571)

2.00am Edinburgh or Bust (r) (90798) 2.30 The Show Goes On (1937, b/w) Musical starring Gracie Fields as a mill girl who succeeds in a music-hall career. Directed by Basil Dean (715576)

4.10 The Magnet (1950, b/w) Comedy starring William Fox as a schoolboy who runs away to join an East End gang. Directed by Charles Frend (6990601) 5.30 Alien Nations (r) (1)

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(9916804) **8.30** Dappledown Farm (r) (9011303) **9.00** The Great House Game (r) (T) (5811674) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (8675842† 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (T) (7515668) 10.20 Sunset Beach (r) (f) (4770571) 11.10 Leeza (1536115)

12.00 5 News at Noon (T) (9919991) 12.30pm Family Affairs Int (T) (2228465) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (1753571) 1.30 Sons and Daughlers (2227736) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (4629115) 2.30 Open House with Gloria Hunnford presented by Angela Rippon (3499910)

3.30 Lullaby of Broadway (1951) with Doris
Day, Gene Nelson and Jessica Howard.
Musical comedy about an English Musical comedy about an English actress and her celebrity mother who has lailen on hard times. Directed by David

Butler (2292113) 5.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Celebrity Houses For Sale (9349216)

6.00 100 Per Cent (4390397) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (4381649) 7.00 5 News (T) (7030921)

7.30 Where the Bison Roam Wildlife documentary on the wood bison, which live beyond the Mackenzie River in Canada (T) (4370533)

8.00 The House Doctor The team visit East Dulwich (T) (5275259) 8.30 Crime Report Topical magazine with John Taylor (5079656)

9.00 Red Sonja (1985) Sword-and-sorcery adventure with Brighte Nielsen, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sandahl

the murder of her family by a megalomaniac queen. Directed by Richard Fleischer (25564465) 10.40 Dr Fox's Chart Update (6446571)

10.45 The Program (1993) with James Caan, Halle Berry and Omar Epps. Drama about the dictatorial coach of an American college football team Directed by Frank



Coverage of the Denver Broncos v the 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4450175) 5.30 100 Per Cent |r) (4353205)

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**RESULTS 43** Rio Tinto digs in amid tight world market

# BUSINESS

**ECONOMY 44** Roger Bootle on the MPC's toughest test



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## Markets at mercy of policy vacuum

By Janet Bush, economics editor

braced for another turbu-Russia-dominated week with no clear sign yet of a co-ordinated policy response from the Group of Seven industrialised nations but just a hint that salvation may come from a cut in US interest rates.

Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve. who has been silent as the crisis in Russia has intensified, fi-nally told an academic conference in California late on Friday that he now regarded the risks to the US economy as balanced. Fedwarchers pounced on his words as proof that the Fed no longer has a "bias" towards raising interest rates.

Mr Greenspan said: "It is just not credible that the United States can remain an oasis of prosperity unaffected by a world that is experiencing greatly increased stress."

In remarks suggestive that a cut in rates may be considered over the next few months as the threat of inflation recedes and growth slows down, he

WORLD stock markets are said: "As dislocations abroad mount, feeding back on our financial markets, restraint is likely to intensify."

Hopes of lower rates, the Fed's chosen policy after the 1987 Wall Street crash, are becoming the focus of attention for investors rattled by the sharp slide in share prices. However, there is no firm evidence yet of any co-ordinated rate response within the G7.

Hans Tietmeyer, President of the Bundesbank, late last

Kiichi Miyazawa met the US Treasury Secretary

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week insisted that recent slides in stock markets were a healthy correction and said that a German rate cut now would be counterproductive.

The perception in Britain, too, is that the Bank of Eng-land's Monetary Policy Committee is some way from considering a cut in base rates. A large majority of City economists expect the MPC to leave interest rates unchanged after its meeting this week

Michael Saunders, UK economist with Salomon Smith Barney, said: "The dampening effects on household wealth and confidence of the slide in equity markets counts heavily against a hike, but the outlook for domestic demand is not so weak -- compared with the slowdown which the MPC believes is necessary to cap price pressures - 10 justify a nearterm ease."

Apart from longer-term hopes on interest rates, none of a number of high-level meet-mgs over the weekend offered the markets anything new to bolster confidence. A meeting on Friday in San Francisco

between Robert Rubin, US Treasury Secretary, and Kiichl Miyazawa, Japan's Finance Minister, appeared to yield nothing concrete. After the talks, Mr Rubin said: "I'd like to hope that the kinds of discussions we've had will move things forward but ultimately what's going to matter is what Japan does."

European foreign ministers meeting in Salzburg issued a declaration on Russia which did not mention further financial aid and made no explicit reference to Russia's debts.

The G7 said on Saturday that top-level officials or deputies would gather in London this week but it emerged yesterday that the meeting is unlikely to take place until the

Finance ministers, although furiously discussing the Rus-sian crisis with each other by telephone, will not be directly involved in the London meeting which is aimed at forming a detailed response to Russia at the level of officials which will then be put to finance



ORDERS worth more than \$10 billion (£6 billion) are expected to be announced at the Farnborough International Air Show which starts today (Christine Buckley writes). The airshow

will be the biggest so far staged. It will tween Europe's aerospace companies and their US competitors. Airbus, the

worth up to \$2 billion to follow its deal to supply British Airways with short-

#### Russian provision tipped at EBRD

By Janet Bush

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is this week expected to announce heavy provisions for losses in Russia when it unveils its mid-year results.

Responding to speculation about its exposure to the Russian economic meltdown, the London-based bank said yesterday that it would include in its re-

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of a possible impact of the recent events in Russia on the bank's portfolio".

The bank denied categorically that it would be writing off any of its investments in Russia and denied that it

would need an injection of new capital. Russia is by far the most important client of EBRD finance, accounting for 25 per cent of all its investments as of the end of last year. The latest figures

tributed 1.4 billion ecus (£950 million) to projects in Russia but has committed itself to a further 2.7 billion ecus, giving the bank a total exposure of some £2.8

tt is believed that a significant proportion of EBRD lending has been to Russian banks given that, according to its 1997 annual report, a core element

strengthen local banking and financial institutions. In addition, as of the end of 1997, the EBRD had invested in five funds which invest directly in Russian companies and II Regional Venture Funds that provided new capital to help restructure privatised companies.

The Bank could not confirm yesterday when it expects to release its interim results but the best guess is in

#### of its strategy in Russia has been to 3i survey finds drop

By CIARAN HUGHES

CONFIDENCE in the British economy among independent businesses has fallen heavily since July, according to 3i, the venture capital company, in a report published today.

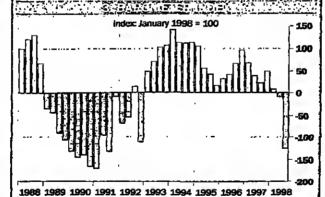
The mood about the general business and political climate in 3i's Barometer Index has fallen to a level last seen in the depths of recession in 1991. However, 3i also finds that

companies remain ontimistic about their own prospects. Brian Larcombe, chief executive of 3i. said thal this was evidence that the economy is slowing down but not to the point of recession.

The survey showed that 71.2 per cent of companies believe that the economic climate has become less favourable for starting up new businesses. The last time that this question was answered so negatively was in September, 1992, just after sterling left the European exchange-rate mechanism.

The survey also showed that non-manufacturing firms are now joining their manufacturing counterparts in reporting a strong downturn in the economy, echoing the results of other recent surveys. Nevertheless, manufacturing firms remain less optimistic than services companies.

Despite the slowdown, 54.6 per cent of companies surveyed still expect to employ more people by the end of 1998 than they did at the end of 1997. This is, though, a considerably lower proportion than 3i found in its previous survey.



#### Football deal will get clubs out of corner

THE PROSPECT of a takeover of Manchester United by BSkyB is likely to trigger a hunt to identify other acquisition candidates among foolball club companies. As a result, share prices of some football clubs whose parent companies' shares are listed on the Stock Exchange are likely to jump sharply when trading starts this morning.

Shares in Manchester United are likely to rise from the 159p price at which they closed on Friday to 200p or more. If suggestions that Manchester United as a whole will fetch £575 million are correct, United shares would be worth about 220p each, or 40 per cent

more than on Friday evening. Any price rises among football stocks will come as welcome relief for many investors, however. Most have suffered disappointing returns as worries circulated about the vulnerability of

Other football shares are

unlikely to rise as much as Manchester United, which is the most consistently successful both on the pitch and as a business. Less than half a dozen other teams are likely to feature in any European superleague, which alone could justify high financial ratings for football clubs. Of these, Arsenal is traded on the Ofex junior exchange and Liverpool

is a private company.

Analysts estimate that fully quoted shares in other football club companies could rise by 20 per cent. "I am sure the news will lead to some frenzied activity." said one. Investor attention will quick-ly turn from Manchester Unil-

ed to Tottenham Hotspur, the company that owns the North London club. Rumours have been circulating for several weeks that Alan Sugar, the chairman and major shareholder who made his fortune from Amstrad personal computers, would like to sell up. A move on Manchester United

may provide a benchmark price at which a Spurs deal could be done.

Tottenham shares ended last week at 60½p, only 1½p above their low for 1998, but 27 per cent. or lop, below their Beyond Manchester United

and Spurs investor interest will focus on companies that own football clubs that play in the Premiership. Newcastle. Leicester City, Leeds Sporting — which owns Leeds United Football Club — and Aston Villa are all likely to find themselves under the slock market microscope.

Greg Dyke, the former man-

aging director of London Weekend Television who became a multi-millionaire when LWT was sold to rival TV company Granada, is also likely to benefit financially if the Manchester United deal materialises. Mr Dyke was appointed a non-executive director of Manchester United a year ago, and has acquired shares.

#### Poor results set seal on corporate gloom

BY ROBERT COLE, CITY CORRESPONDENT

A WELTER of big company results out this week will show conclusively that growth in corporate profits is slowing. Analysts are pessimistic about the signals that UK ple will deliver. Paul O'Connor, equity strategist at CSFB, said corporate earnings would 'continue to be dreadful".

He added that average profits growth would struggle to meet 2 per cent. At the start of the year he had forecast that UK corporate earnings would

rise by 4 per cent.

Bob Semple, of BT Alex
Brown, said this week would bring more firms complaining about the impact of the Asian crisis and the continuing strength of sterling.

Philip Wolstencroft, UK equities strategist at Merrill Lynch, said: "People are expecting bad news and the chances are that those expectations will be fulfilled ... Things are deteri-orating more quickly than we

The companies reporting this week operate in a broad range of industrial and service sectors. Included in the list are BTR and BBA, the engineers: Billiton, the resources group; Burmah Castrol, the oil company; United News and Media, owner of The Express: Norwich Union, the insurance group which demutualised last year and Coats Viyella, the textiles group which is in the

throes of a demerger.

Professional equity market watchers cast doubt on whether the expected poor streak of results will hit share prices.

Mr Semple said: "Profits figures may make a difference for individual stocks but more is being asked about the general malaise in global markets. People are pondering whether this is the start of a full blooded bear market or whether we will see a bounce.

Mr O'Connor said that the stock market had already taken account of poorer profits expectations while Mr Wolstencroft said the condition of the bond markets meant share prices were well supported.

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